

The second informal consultation on the intergovernmental process to review the arrangements contained in General Assembly resolutions 75/290 A and 75/290 B and their annexes on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council and the review of the High-level Political Forum on sustainable development

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Chair,

We would like to thank the Permanent Representatives of Guinea, and Latvia in their capacity as a co-facilitators of the intergovernmental process to review the work of the ECOSOC and HLPF on sustainable development for their efforts and presented elements paper, which serves a good basis for further discussions.

As a middle-income and landlocked developing country Armenia attaches a special importance on the strengthening of the United Nations' capacities to deliver on its development pillar. The GA relevant resolution 75/290A and 75/290B and their annexes were an important step forward to ensure the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda, in the meantime with deepening inequalities, ongoing humanitarian emergencies, worsening impact of climate change and insufficient financing we call for development of urgent and transformative actions to strengthen the UN bodies and their response mechanisms.

Armenia welcomes the overall approach by the co-facilitators to build the process upon the provisions of the resolution 75/290, the 2023 SDG Summit Political Declaration and coordinate the present review with preparatory process of the Summit of the Future.

Regarding the Review of the Economic and Social Council we would like to highlight the following:

- As a UN Charter body responsible for coordination, policy review and recommendations on issues related to sustainable development the annual working cycle of ECOSOC needs to be more action-oriented and fit-for-purpose reflecting the fast changing global context.
- Given the large number of ECOSOC subsidiary bodies, forums and their functions, efforts are needed to better coordinate the work among them, as well as with other

intergovernmental processes and organizations, such as IFIs to have more comprehensive and coordinated response mechanisms and tools to address the developmental challenges.

Regarding the Review of the HLPF our delegation is of a view that the agenda of the Forum needs to be streamlined.

The VNRs, which is primarily aimed to discuss and monitor the actual implementation of the SDGs, need more time allocation for the presentation, so member states could present the achievements and existing gaps, have quality Q&A session and further provide opportunity for peer-to-peer exchange

The loaded agenda and not adequate time allocations for the thematic discussions constrains the abilities of Member States, as well as other stakeholders to fully engage in those discussions.

At the same time the big number of special events and other informal meetings, also need to be revised and streamlined, otherwise we are losing their added value, if the interested delegations are not able to attend them.

Thank you.