



Remarks by the Holy See

**Informal consultations on HLPF and ECOSOC review
7 March 2024**

Madam co-facilitator,

The Holy See welcomes the opportunity to participate in this important consultation and discuss the draft elements paper shared with States.

The Holy See would like to make the following three points.

1. Considering that progress towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda has either been insufficient or has regressed, we welcome the element paper's recognition that the review should prioritize addressing how both ECOSOC and the HLPF can effectively and efficiently enhance and accelerate the implementation of the SDGs.
2. We underline the importance of addressing the eradication of poverty, including extreme poverty, which is the greatest global challenge we face and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development. In this regard, we welcome the suggested thematic reviews focused on poverty under the HLPF and reaffirm poverty eradication as a priority area in this review.
3. In the context of this particularly important year for countries in special situations and noting the upcoming SIDS4 and LLDC3 conferences, we encourage this review to give greater consideration as to how ECOSOC and the HLPF can account for the unique challenges these countries face in implementing the SDGs.

The Holy See looks forward to continuing our engagement with this review to ensure that ECOSOC and the HLPF are able to effectively fulfill their mandates. Thank you.