



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

3 February 2020

Excellency,

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 3 February 2020 from H.E. Mr. Kaha Imnadze, Permanent Representative of Georgia, and H.E. Mr. Jean-Claude do Rego, Permanent Representative of Benin, the co-facilitators for the intergovernmental negotiations for the review process of the Economic and Social Council and the High-level Political Forum as per General Assembly resolution 67/290 of 9 July 2013 entitled “Format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development”, resolution 70/299 of 29 July 2016 entitled “Follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the global level”, as well as resolution 72/305 of 23 July 2018 entitled “Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 68/1 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council”.

The letter from the co-facilitators conveys the date for the first informal meeting on Monday, 10 February 2020, at 3 p.m., in Conference Room 1.

I thank you in advance, for your delegation’s active participation, constructive engagement and support in this process.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized, cursive script.

Tijjani Muhammad-Bande

All Permanent Representatives and
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New York



Permanent Mission of Georgia
to the United Nations



Permanent Mission of the Republic
of Benin to the United Nations

3 February 2020

Excellencies,

We are writing with reference to General Assembly resolution 72/305 of 23 July 2018 entitled "Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 68/1 on the Strengthening of the Economic and Social Council". In paragraph 2 of resolution 72/305, the Assembly: "Decides that the arrangements contained in the present resolution and its annex shall be reviewed at its seventy-fourth session and at subsequent review cycles in conjunction with the review process of the high-level political forum on sustainable development".

In our capacity as co-facilitators for the intergovernmental negotiations for the review process of ECOSOC and HLPF, we have the pleasure to invite you to the first informal meeting with Member States to be held on Monday, 10 February 2020, at 3:00pm, in the Conference Room 1.

At the first meeting, we kindly invite you to share your views and ideas on different aspects of the upcoming review processes, in particular on the following questions:

- What would be the best possible outcome of the reviews of the resolutions on ECOSOC and HLPF, considering that two reviews are carried out in conjunction?
- What are the critical issues to be addressed in the reviews of the resolutions on ECOSOC and HLPF?
- What should be the scope of the review of the resolution on ECOSOC since the last review was in 2018?
- What are the ways to improve the VNR process and thematic follow-up and review?
- What are the best ways to include all relevant stakeholders at national, regional and global levels in the thematic reviews?

We are committed to an open, inclusive and transparent process and therefore the first meeting will be open to all stakeholders. We welcome and count on your support and active engagement throughout the consultations.

Please accept, Excellencies, the assurances of our highest consideration.

Kaha Imnadze
Permanent Representative of Georgia
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Jean-Claude do Rego
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