



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

9 March 2021

Excellency,

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 9 March 2021, from H.E. Mr. Alexander Marschik, Permanent Representative of Austria and H.E. Mr. Cheikh Niang, Permanent Representative of Senegal, 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 74/298 of 12 August 2020 entitled “Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 67/290 on the high-level political forum on sustainable development, resolution 70/299 on the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the global level and resolution 72/305 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council”.

Following the virtual consultation held on 26 February to discuss the zero draft of the resolution for the HLPF/ECOSOC Review, the co-facilitators have presented a revised draft resolution based on the views and suggestions of delegations. In this regard, the co-facilitators will convene an in-person consultation on the revised draft of the resolution on Friday, 12 March 2021 at 3 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall. The co-facilitators further convey arrangements for delegations to participate either in-person or virtual. Connection details for the meeting will be provided by the Department of General Assembly and Conference Management in a subsequent correspondence to delegations.

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

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Volkan BOZKIR

All Permanent Representatives and  
Permanent Observers to the United Nations  
New York



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Excellency,

We write to you in our capacity as co-facilitators of the intergovernmental negotiations related to General Assembly resolutions 74/298 on the review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 67/290 on the high-level political forum on sustainable development, 70/299 on the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the global level and 72/305 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council.

We wish to thank you for your active engagement and the concrete proposals you shared both orally at the meetings and in writing on the zero-draft resolution. We are pleased to convey to you with this letter the revised zero draft, which has been adjusted and updated based on your views and inputs.

We have listened to you and studied your proposals very carefully. There are instances where your views converge, and we hope that you will find some of your suggestions included in the revised draft.

However, as you are also aware, there remain diverging views on some aspects of the review. We have done our best in those instances to strike an appropriate balance and we wish to seek your flexibility. We are hoping that, in a spirit of compromise, you may be able to accept this revised version in order to achieve the goal of this process namely strengthening ECOSOC and the HLPF to better support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the recovery from COVID-19.

Regarding the format, we have kept the two distinct annexes, because delegations have shown more flexibility and readiness for compromise. To help a convergence of views, we have strengthened the chapeau resolution to highlight the respective status and functions of ECOSOC and the HLPF.

We have endeavored to articulate better the ECOSOC cycle and the functions of the three meetings we are proposing in February to both provide forward looking guidance for the work of the following months on the annual theme of ECOSOC and the HLPF, and to operationalize the policy guidance and findings of the previous cycle. We also adjusted the text on the thematic reviews, the voluntary national reviews and other aspects and added a short section on the ministerial declaration.

We will convene the next informal consultations on Friday, 12 March at 3 pm, as an in-person meeting in the General Assembly Hall. A virtual link will also be provided so that

all those who cannot attend in person will be able to follow the meeting proceedings (without the ability to interact or take the floor). Member States intending to take the floor should participate in person or may opt to provide their comments in written form. Special arrangements will be made for representatives of major groups and other stakeholders to intervene virtually following contributions by Member States. The technical details for the link will be provided by the Secretariat of the United Nations in due course via e-mail.

We encourage Member States to come prepared to express their views on the revised draft resolution and its annexes. We look forward to your views and active engagement in the upcoming meeting.

We wish to remind you that you can use the following e-mails to send us any further inputs or statements at any time during this process: [new-york-ov@bmeia.gv.at](mailto:new-york-ov@bmeia.gv.at) and [senegal.mission@yahoo.fr](mailto:senegal.mission@yahoo.fr) with a copy to [olsone@un.org](mailto:olsone@un.org) and [mahmassani@un.org](mailto:mahmassani@un.org).

Once again, we reiterate our commitment to ensuring that the process is completely open, transparent and inclusive and count on your active participation and support.

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



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Permanent Representative of Austria  
to the United Nations



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