



**STATEMENT OF MEXICO AT THE SECOND INFORMAL CONSULTATION ON
THE STRENGTHENING OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AND THE
REVIEW OF THE HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT**

New York, March 7th, 2024

Thank you co-facilitators,

Mexico appreciates this second informal consultation, as well as the draft of the elements paper that you kindly shared with all of us. We believe that this document provides a solid foundation for progress and offers valuable insights into potential priorities and areas of focus for Member states.

My delegation would also like to thank you for taking into consideration some of the aspects that we highlighted in the previous consultation, such as having an ongoing dialogue between governments, civil society, the private sector and other stakeholders to foster collaboration and share best practices and lessons learned.

Such actions would strengthen the implementation of sustainable policies and highlight the interconnectedness of the SDGs through accelerating and transformative actions, being beneficial for all of us across the world.

Co-facilitators,

As we get closer and closer to the year 2030, it is imperative that we take decisive actions and conduct a comprehensive assessment of the Agenda in its entirety to achieve tangible results that benefit



everyone and to take into account the indivisibility and interdependence of all SDGs. Therefore, we emphasize the importance of reviewing Agenda 2030 as a whole, rather than separating the SDGs artificially.

Moreover, we ask you to take into consideration, and include in the zero draft, Mexico's request regarding the need to decide the theme for the Economic and Social Council and the High-Level Political Forum at a moment that allows sufficient time to guide the work of functional commissions. We believe this would enhance their work and have outcomes that are more cohesive and coherent.

In addition, my country reiterates its proposal for the Coordination Segment or the High-Level Segment in July, to include a dialogue between the Members of ECOSOC and the heads of the international financial institutions, since, up to now, this meeting has only taken place between the ECOSOC Bureau in Washington D.C.

On another hand, regarding the presentation of the Voluntary National Reviews, we believe that we must retake and reinforce the good practices carried out in the past that allowed these documents to be developed in a better way.

An example of this is the Group of Friends of the VNRs, chaired by the Philippines and Morocco and established under the chairmanship of Mexico in 2019, as this group of friends is a practical example that coincides with the language that identifies the need to strengthen peer learning and share good practices as fundamental principles for the review.



Co-facilitators,

The recent SDG Summit and the upcoming Summit of the Future present critical opportunities to shape the future of ECOSOC and the High-Level Political Forum, ensuring their continued effectiveness in advancing the 2030 Agenda and laying the groundwork for post-2030 initiatives.

We are thankful for your hard work in this matter and trust your leadership in the rest of this process.

Please count on Mexico towards obtaining a more effective ECOSOC and HLPF and to work constructively towards a consensual agreement.

Thank you.