



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

8 June 2020

Excellency,

I have the pleasure to transmit herewith a letter dated 8 June 2020, from H.E. Mr. Kaha Innadze, 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*”.

Further to the correspondence of 21 May 2020, which circulated the inputs received from delegations on the zero-draft resolution, the aforementioned letter conveys the revised draft resolution for the HLPF/ECOSOC Review to be discussed at the virtual consultation to be convened on 15 June 2020, at 3:00 p.m. (to be confirmed). Details pertaining to the virtual arrangements for the meeting will be circulated by the Secretariat in due course.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'T' followed by a flourish.

Tijjani Muhammad-Bande

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



Permanent Mission of Georgia
to the United Nations



Permanent Mission of the Republic
of Benin to the United Nations

8 June 2020

Excellencies,

We are writing to you in our capacity as the co-facilitators for the intergovernmental negotiations for the review process of Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and the High-level Political Forum on sustainable development (HLPF). We would like to express our appreciation and deep gratitude to you and all the membership for the continuous support and engagement in this process.

In line with the written inputs received and the oral contributions from bilateral meetings we held as stated during our virtual meeting of 8 May 2020, we are circulating attached to this letter, the revised draft resolution entitled “Review process of the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 67/290 and 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”.

Bearing in mind the importance of the sustainable and resilient recovery from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in the context of the decade of action and trying to bridge the gap between the positions of delegations, we focused this draft resolution only on 2021 and suggest a subset of eight (08) goals to be reviewed and also give lee-way to discuss other goals if this is felt to be desirable by the membership.

We have the pleasure to invite you to the next virtual informal consultations on **15 June 2020 at 3:00 p.m.** (to be confirmed) During this meeting, we intend to have a paragraph by paragraph reading of the draft resolution. The technical details for the virtual meeting will be provided by the Secretariat of United Nations in due course through an e-mail.

We reaffirm our commitment to an open, inclusive, and transparent process, and count on the active and constructive participation of the membership.

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

Kaha Imnadze
Permanent Representative of Georgia
to the United Nations

Jean-Claude do Rego
Permanent Representative of Benin
to the United Nations

To: All Permanent Representatives
And Permanent Observers of the United Nations
New York

Draft resolution

Review process of the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 67/290 and 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

The General Assembly,

PP1 Recalling its resolutions 67/290 of 9 July 2013 entitled “Format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development“ and 70/299 of 29 July 2016 entitled “Follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the global level”;

PP2 Recalling also its resolution 72/305 of 28 July 2018 entitled “Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 68/1 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council” and all previous related resolutions on strengthening the Economic and Social Council;

PP3 Reaffirming its resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, and reaffirming our unwavering commitment to achieving this Agenda and utilizing it to the full to transform our world for the better by 2030;

PP4 Reaffirming further its resolution 74/4 of 15 October 2019 entitled “Political declaration of the high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the General Assembly” and the pledge to launch a decade of action and delivery for sustainable development;

PP5 Recognizing the threats to sustainable development, including to health, safety and well-being and to the world economy caused by the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, and its unprecedented effects, that require a coordinated global response;

PP6 Further recognizing that the poorest and the most vulnerable people are the most affected and that the impact of the pandemic will have repercussions on development in developing countries, hampering progress in the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);

PP7 Stressing that the current crisis is a reminder that the implementation of the 2030 Agenda is crucial to help better equip the world for future systemic shocks, and that the SDGs are a shared blueprint for a better recovery, while leaving no one behind;

1. *Recognizes* the role that the Charter of the United Nations and the General Assembly have vested in the Economic and Social Council as a principal organ for coordination, policy review, policy dialogue and recommendations on issues of economic and social development as well as for implementation of the international development goals agreed at the major UN conferences and summits in the economic, social, environmental and related fields and the central role, and effective and participatory character of the high-level political forum under the auspices of the General Assembly and ECOSOC in overseeing follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the global level working coherently with the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and other relevant organs and forums, in accordance with existing mandates;

2. *Decides*, to conduct, in conjunction, the reviews of General Assembly resolutions 72/305, on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council, and 67/290 and 70/299, on the modalities of the high-level political forum on sustainable development and follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the global level, taking into account the provisions of the present resolution, during its 75th session;
3. *Decides* that, unless otherwise agreed, informal meetings of the Assembly to conduct the in-depth review of resolutions 72/305, 67/290 and 70/299 during its 75th session will be open to major groups and other relevant stakeholders, bearing in mind the intergovernmental nature of the review;
4. *Decides* that the thematic focus of the Economic and Social Council for its 2021 session and the 2021 high-level political forum on sustainable development under the auspices of ECOSOC shall be “Sustainable and resilient recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic: Building an inclusive and effective path for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda in the context of the decade of action”;
5. *Also decides* that the high-level political forum for 2021 - based on the areas of acceleration: health and human well-being; sustainable, inclusive and resilient economies; and healthy nutrition patterns - will conduct in-depth reviews of the Sustainable Development Goals, namely, but not limited to, the Goals 1, 2, 3, 8, 10, 12, 16 and 17;
6. *Decides* that the review will take into account the different and particular impact of the COVID-19 pandemic across the SDGs and address the inter-linkages between Sustainable Development Goals, to promote integrated actions cutting across the three dimensions of sustainable development that can create co-benefits, address synergies and trade-offs, and meet multiple objectives in a coherent way, leaving no one behind;
7. *Also decides* to define the theme of the Economic and Social Council, and that of the high-level political forum under the auspices of ECOSOC for the two remaining years of the four-year HLPF cycle during its 75th session.