



**The Vice-President
of the
Economic and Social Council**

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Excellency,

I would like to thank you for your continued support and participation in the ECOSOC dialogue on: “*The longer-term positioning of the United Nations development system*”.

I was encouraged by the level of engagement and the number of pertinent issues that were raised at the first session of the dialogue held on 15 December 2014.

There was a generally shared need to listen to experts and government representatives from the country level regarding their expectations on the longer-term positioning of the UN development system. To this end, I developed the attached programme for the second session of the dialogue to be held on January 30, 2015. I hope that the wide range of speakers will help us better understand the country level perspective and also link these to the ongoing discussions on the Post 2015 development agenda in New York.

I also attach a preliminary summary of the first session which should serve as the basis for discussions on 30 January. The recently released advance unedited version of the Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system is also directly relevant to the dialogue.

I would also like to share with you an explanatory note from the independent experts acknowledging the comments made by delegations on their paper that was presented at the last session. This note is for information only.

The ECOSOC Dialogue on the longer-term positioning of the UN development system provides a unique opportunity for the Council to conduct technically-oriented, purposeful and inclusive discussions from a system-wide perspective. This two-year process that we started last December should contribute to an ambitious QCPR resolution of the General Assembly at the end of 2016, in order to ensure that the UN development system is better able to support the implementation of the new development agenda.

Allow me to reiterate my personal appreciation for your ongoing support. I am very much looking forward to your continued engagement.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'ME Mejía Vélez'.

María Emma Mejía Vélez
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary

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