

30 October 2013

Excellency,

I would like to inform you that I intend to convene an informal meeting of the plenary of the General Assembly to hear a briefing by the President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mr. Néstor Osorio, which will focus on the implementation of resolution A/RES/68/1 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council.

This briefing will provide an opportunity for Member States to further engage, in an informal setting, in discussions on the reform of the functions and mandates of the ECOSOC and the strengthening of its role, including as the primary forum responsible for the coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the social, economic and environmental fields.

The informal meeting will take place at 3:00 pm on Tuesday, 5 November 2013 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

The General Assembly will consider the Report of the Economic and Social Council under agenda item 9, in a joint debate with agenda item 14, "Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields", on Monday, 11 November 2013.

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

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