



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

19 May, 2014

Excellency,

I have the honour to forward herewith a letter from H.E. Mr. George Talbot, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Guyana to the United Nations and H.E. Mr. Geir Pedersen, Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations, in their capacity as co-facilitators for the intergovernmental consultations on all issues related to the forthcoming third international conference on financing for development, including the date, format, organization and scope of the conference.

In this communication the co-facilitators inform that they will be convening a brief meeting from 3-4pm tomorrow, 20 May, 2014 in the Trusteeship Council Chamber to present the draft text of a resolution on the aforementioned issues. They also inform that a meeting will be held on Friday, 23 May, 2014 to provide Member States the opportunity of presenting their views on the zero draft.

Attached is a copy of the draft text of the resolution, as well as a copy of the calendar for informal informals that are planned.

I encourage Member States to actively participate in these discussions on this important matter.

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

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John W. Ashe".

John W. Ashe

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



**PERMANENT MISSION OF NORWAY
TO THE UNITED NATIONS**



**PERMANENT MISSION OF THE
REPUBLIC OF GUYANA TO THE**

19 May 2014

Excellency,

As promised at the informal consultation held on 13 May 2014, we wish to provide for your consideration the draft text of a resolution on all issues related to the third international conference on financing for development, including the date, format, organization and scope.

In this regard, as announced in the Journal, we will convene a brief meeting from 3 – 4 pm tomorrow 20 May 2014 in the Trusteeship Council Chamber to present the text to member states and to hear initial reactions, if any. At the informal meeting scheduled for 3 pm on 23 May 2014 in the ECOSOC Chamber, the opportunity will be afforded to member states to present their views on the zero draft.

Thereafter, in keeping with the shared commitment to reach a consensus on the modalities resolution as soon as possible, we contemplate an accelerated schedule of informal informals with a view to concluding our work by 05 June 2014. A calendar of the informal informals planned for this period is attached.

We wish to acknowledge the active participation and constructive approach of delegations in the consultations to date. This has facilitated greater understanding in several areas of our work. We request your continued flexibility in the process ahead.

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

Geir O. Pedersen
Permanent Representative of
Norway to the United Nations

George Talbot
Permanent Representative of the
Republic of Guyana to the United
Nations

Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers to the United Nations

Draft Resolution, 19 May 2014

Modalities for the Third International Conference on Financing for Development

The General Assembly,

PP 1. *Recalling* the International Conference on Financing for Development, held in Monterrey, Mexico, from 18 to 22 March 2002, and the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus, held in Doha from 29 November to 2 December 2008;

PP 2 *Recalling also* its resolution 68/204 of 20 December 2013 and all its previous resolutions on the subject;

PP 3 *Recalling also* the United Nations Millennium Declaration and the 2005 World Summit Outcome;

PP 4 *Recalling further* the Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development and its outcome document;

PP 5 *Recalling* the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals, held from 20 to 22 September 2010, and its outcome document, and the special event to follow up efforts made towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals, convened by the President of the General Assembly on 25 September 2013, and its outcome document;

PP 6 *Recalling also* the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012, and its outcome document, entitled "The future we want";

PP 7 *Noting* the steps taken by the President of the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session to convene inclusive and transparent intergovernmental consultations, with the participation of the major institutional stakeholders involved in the financing for development process, as appropriate, on all issues related to the conference, including the date, format, organization and scope, taking into account the elements contained in its resolution 68/204;

OP 1 *Decides* that the third International Conference on Financing for Development:

- (a) Will be held in (month) (year) for x number of days;
- (b) Will be held at the highest possible political level, including Heads of State or Government, relevant ministers, including Ministers of Finance, Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation and special representatives and other representatives, as appropriate;
- (c) Will result in an intergovernmentally agreed outcome;

OP 2 *Welcomes* the offer of the Government of Ethiopia to host the Conference;

OP 3 *Reiterates* the scope of the third International Conference on Financing for Development as contained in its resolution 68/204, in its entirety;

OP 4 *Reaffirms* the relevance of the holistic financing for development agenda, as contained in the Monterrey Consensus and the Doha Declaration, for the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social, environmental and related fields, and in this regard emphasizes that the Monterrey Consensus and the Doha Declaration on Financing for Development provide the conceptual framework, including in the context of the post-2015 development agenda, for the mobilization of resources from a variety of sources and the effective use of financing required for the achievement of sustainable development;

OP 5 *Stresses*, in this regard, the need to reinforce coherence and coordination and to avoid duplication of efforts with regard to the financing for development process, with a view to ensuring a single, comprehensive, holistic, forward-looking approach addressing the three dimensions of sustainable development;

OP 6 *Decides* that the preparatory process for the Conference and the preparation for the summit that will take place in September 2015 for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda should be coordinated to promote coherence and to minimize duplication of efforts;

OP 7 *Reaffirms* that the Conference will:

- (a) assess the progress made in the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus and the Doha Declaration,
- (b) reinvigorate and strengthen the financing for development follow-up process,
- (c) identify obstacles and constraints encountered in the achievement of the goals and objectives agreed therein, as well as actions and initiatives to overcome these constraints, and
- (d) address new and emerging issues, including in the context of the recent multilateral efforts to promote international development cooperation, taking into account the current evolving development cooperation landscape, the interrelationship of all sources of development finance, the synergies between financing objectives across the three dimensions of sustainable development, as well as the need to support the United Nations development agenda beyond 2015;

OP 8 *Looks* forward to the reports of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing and of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals as well as the synthesis report of the Secretary General to serve as contributions to the financing for development follow up process and the preparation of the Conference, the outcome of which should include a contribution to the intergovernmentally agreed United Nations development agenda beyond 2015;

OP 9 *Decides* that the Conference and its preparatory process will be open to participation by all States Members of the United Nations or members of specialized agencies as well as intergovernmental organizations and other entities having received

a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate as observers in the sessions and work of all international conferences convened under its auspices;

OP 10 *Stresses* the importance of the full involvement of all relevant stakeholders in the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus at all levels, and also stresses the importance of their full participation in the third International Conference on Financing for Development and its preparatory process, in accordance with the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, in particular the accreditation procedures and modalities of participation utilized at the International Conference on Financing for Development, held in Monterrey, and in its preparatory process;

OP 11 *Invites* non-governmental organizations and business sector entities to participate in the Conference and its preparatory process, in accordance with the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, in particular the accreditation procedures and modalities of participation utilized at the Monterrey Conference and in its preparatory process, and decides that:

- (a) Registration will be open to all non-governmental organizations that are in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and to all non-governmental organizations and business sector entities accredited to the Monterrey Conference or to its follow-up process;
- (b) Interested non-governmental organizations and business sector entities that are not in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council or were not accredited to the Monterrey or Doha Conferences shall apply to the General Assembly for accreditation following the accreditation procedures established during the Conference;
- (c) The above arrangements concerning participation of non-governmental organizations and business sector entities in the Conference and its preparatory process will in no way create a precedent for meetings of the General Assembly;

OP 12 *Reaffirms* the special role that the international financial and trade institutions, in particular the major institutional stakeholders involved in the financing for development follow-up process, should play in all aspects of the Conference, including their active involvement in its preparatory work, following the experience of the Monterrey and Doha Conferences;

OP 13 *Calls* upon the regional commissions, with the support of regional development banks and other relevant entities, to hold regional consultations, as appropriate, which would serve to provide inputs to the preparation of the Conference;

OP 14 *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to continue direct intergovernmental consultations on all issues related to the Conference and its preparatory process, and decides that those consultations must be scheduled in advance in order to facilitate participation from capitals and be open, inclusive and transparent;

OP 15 *Also requests* the President of the General Assembly to provide a programme of work, from within existing resources, including x substantive informal sessions on relevant thematic areas, of a maximum duration of 11 working days plus one working

day for informal interactive hearings with representatives of civil society and the business sector during the period of (date) to (date).

OP 16 *Further requests* that the first draft of the outcome document be presented by (date) and that the informal consultations and drafting sessions will be held as follows; the first informal consultation from (date) to (date), the second informal consultation from (date) to (date) and the third informal consultation from (date) to (date);

OP 17 *Stresses* the need for flexibility in the informal consultation process and the possibility to convene additional consultations and drafting sessions, as required, although not after the conclusion of the third informal consultation.

OP 18 *Also decides* that all the consultation meetings will be held at United Nations Headquarters in New York;

OP 19 *Invites* all Member States and other potential donors to consider contributing generously to the Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development, in order to support the activities involved in the preparation for the Conference, and to support the travel and participation of representatives from developing countries, in particular least developed countries;

OP 20 *Request* the Secretary-General to prepare a note on the organization of work of the Conference;

OP 21. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide all appropriate support to the work of the preparatory process of the Conference and to the Conference itself and to ensure inter-agency cooperation and effective participation and coherence within the United Nations system, as well as the efficient use of resources, so that the objectives of the Conference can be addressed.

Schedule of FFD Informals

Date		Venue¹
Friday	23 May 3 p.m.	ECOSOC
Wednesday	28 May 3 p.m.	CR1
Friday	30 May 10 a.m.	TRI
Monday	2 June 10 a.m.	CR1
Wednesday	4 June 3 p.m.	CR5
Thursday	5 June 3 p.m.	CR4

¹ Please note that the venues for informals are subject to change at short notice. Delegations should check the Journal to confirm exact venues.