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**INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS OF THE PLENARY ON FOLLOW-UP TO THE
SUMMIT OUTCOME ON DEVELOPMENT AND ECOSOC REFORM:**

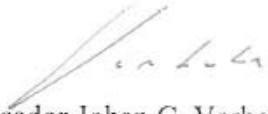
As agreed on 22 November, we are pleased to advise that our next informal consultations will focus on ECOSOC Reform. These consultations have been scheduled for Thursday 8 December from 3 to 6pm.

At our consultations on 22 November, there was a broad consensus that we should work towards a GA resolution on ECOSOC Reform based on paragraphs 155 and 156 of the World Summit Outcome Document, so as to ensure that an effective and revitalized ECOSOC can take up its newly defined functions. We also agreed that this GA resolution should not be too detailed and should leave the appropriate room to ECOSOC itself to decide its agenda and methods of work. There was a generally shared view that the Annual Ministerial-level substantive Reviews (AMR) should cover the outcomes of major UN conferences and summits, including the internationally agreed development goals. It is also our understanding that the ECOSOC High-Level Segment might need to be restructured with a view to accommodating the Global Policy Dialogue (GPD) and the Development Cooperation Forum (DCF).

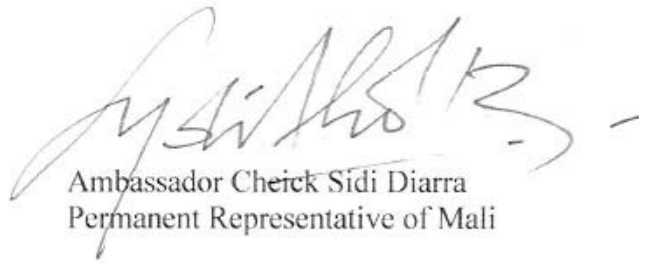
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Your further guidance will be needed on a number of issues. In order to facilitate our consultations we have drafted an issues paper, which follows the structure of paragraph 155 of the World Summit Outcome Document. We would be grateful if delegations could structure their interventions along the lines suggested in this issues paper. The list of issues is indicative and delegations may, of course, wish to raise other issues. We would encourage delegations to make specific proposals in their remarks and to comment on proposals already made by member states.

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



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