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Excellency,

**INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS OF THE PLENARY ON FOLLOW-UP TO THE  
SUMMIT OUTCOME ON DEVELOPMENT AND ECOSOC REFORM:  
POSSIBLE APPROACHES FOR A GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION ON  
ECOSOC REFORM**

Following our last consultations on ECOSOC reform on 8 December, we are due to meet again on 20 December.

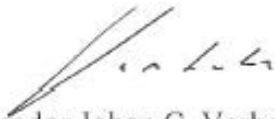
Once again, we would like to thank delegations for the highly constructive spirit in which our discussions have been conducted to date. Though some of your views are at variance on some of the specifics of ECOSOC reform, it is our impression that we are now close enough on the basics regarding our objective of a revitalized ECOSOC for us to outline possible approaches which could form the basis for a General Assembly resolution on ECOSOC reform. We believe there is a shared understanding that we need not delve too far into detailed organizational arrangements, on which room should be left to ECOSOC to decide for itself. We also know that many of you are keen for this work, and our work on development follow-up, to be concluded quickly so that our decisions can be speedily implemented.

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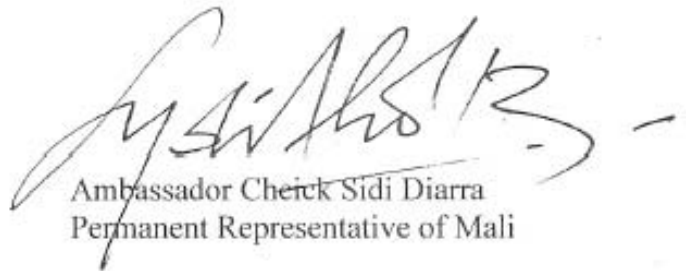
With these points in mind, we have prepared the attached paper. It is our attempt to move our discussions closer to elements of the aforementioned draft resolution by providing some possible scenarios for each area in which we are tasked to take decisions. It is not meant to be an exhaustive summary of all the helpful contributions received; rather it is a first attempt to find common ground based upon the ideas you have presented in preceding sessions and papers.

We would very much welcome your reactions to the proposals in this paper in our next meeting on 20 December. We hope that this meeting will give sufficient further guidance to enable us to present elements of a draft resolution as soon as we begin work in the New Year.

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



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