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Excellency,

**INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS OF THE PLENARY ON DEVELOPMENT
FOLLOW-UP AND ECOSOC REFORM: NEXT INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS**

We are writing to advise you of the dates for our next informal consultations of the plenary. In deciding on the scheduling of these meetings, we have paid particular heed to a request from some delegations for further time to prepare. We have scheduled meetings as follows:

Wednesday, 8 February, 10am – 1pm: Development follow-up

Thursday, 9 February, 10am – 1pm: ECOSOC reform

Both meetings will be held in Conference Room 2. We have also booked the room from 3pm to 6pm on both days, in case we are unable to conclude our discussions on either subject by lunchtime.

In order to allow delegations to exchange views directly on the various issues in our draft resolutions of 26 January, we propose to structure our discussions by taking each draft resolution section by section. We would encourage all delegations to be prepared for an interactive discussion in this format, and to be ready to respond to any comments other delegations might make.

All Permanent Representatives and
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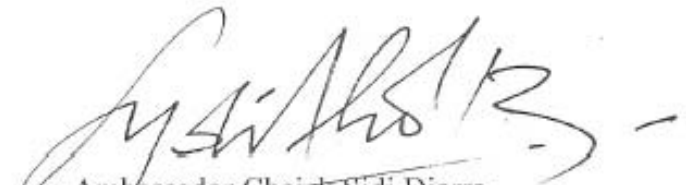
In the interest of maximum transparency, we have asked the Secretariat to ensure, through email and faxes to Missions, that all delegations have ready access to the various comments and inputs circulated to date on the elements paper and on the draft resolutions. Many of these had already been circulated widely, but will be circulated again for ease of reference.

Unless specifically instructed to the contrary, we would also intend to circulate any future inputs we might receive to all delegations.

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



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