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Excellency,

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

Following the very constructive consultations last week on the two draft resolutions on which we are working, we are writing to set out our proposed next steps.

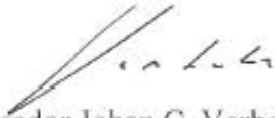
We intend to hold informal consultations on the development follow-up resolution on Thursday 16 February at 10am, followed by informal consultations on the ECOSOC resolution on Monday 20 February at 3pm. Both meetings will be held in Conference Room 2.

We propose to use these consultations to read through each draft resolution of 26 January section by section for a second time. As we do so, we will indicate areas where we sense there might be formulas for reaching agreement, based on the comments made last week, and will invite delegations' reactions to these. We will also ask for further reactions to the comments made by delegations in our meetings last week, particularly in those areas where some of you had needed more time to reflect on your positions.

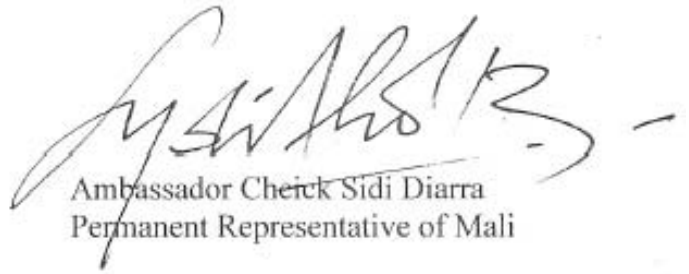
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In order to maintain maximum transparency and to enable you to prepare full reactions to others' inputs, the Secretariat has circulated to Missions all the written comments and inputs it received for circulation at or after the consultations last week. We would encourage all Member States who intervened last week to make their comments and inputs available to all delegations. In case they need assistance in doing so, they should send their proposals to us and to the Secretariat (takase@un.org) as soon as possible.

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



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