



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

5 April, 2016

Excellency,

I have the pleasure to enclose herewith a letter, dated 1 April, 2016, from H.E. Ms. Bénédicte Frankinet, Permanent Representative of Belgium and H.E. Mr. Jean-François Régis Zinsou, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Benin, the co-facilitators of the inter-governmental consultations on the preparatory process of the high-level midterm review of the implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action, announcing that the first informal consultation on the outcome document of the midterm review will take place on 25 April, 2016.

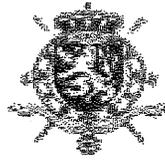
The co-facilitators further inform in their letter that a new draft of the outcome document, which has taken into account the comments received from delegations during the preparatory meeting of the experts on 28-31 March, 2016, will be circulated by the co-facilitators, and will serve as the basis for the first informal consultation.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mogens Lykketoft', written in a cursive style.

Mogens Lykketoft

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



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By: _____
Office of the PGA

New York, April 1, 2016

Excellency,

We have the honor to refer to the letter of 5 November 2015 from the President of the General Assembly informing you about our appointment as co-facilitators to conduct inter-governmental consultations of the General Assembly's midterm review of the implementation of the Programme of Action of Istanbul, to be held in Antalya, Turkey, on 27, 28 and 29 May 2016.

In line with General Assembly decision A/RES/69/231 adopted on 19 December 2014, a zero draft of the outcome document, in the form of a political declaration, was circulated on March 16, 2016, in advance of the preparatory meeting of experts held between 28 and 31 March 2016.

A new version of the draft outcome document, taking into account the comments received from delegations during the preparatory meeting of experts, will be circulated by the co-facilitators.

The first informal consultations on the outcome document, based on the new draft, will be held on 25 April 2016 in the afternoon. The venue will be announced in the UN Journal.

We look forward to your continued support for the review, as well as your constructive engagement in the negotiation process.

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

H.E. Mrs. Bénédicte Frankinet
Co-Facilitator
Permanent Representative of Belgium
to the United Nations

H.E. Mr. Jean-François Régis Zinsou
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