



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

20 April 2017

Excellency,

I have the pleasure to transmit herewith a letter, dated 18 April 2017, from H.E. Ms. Gillian Bird, Permanent Representative of Australia and H.E. Mr. Martín García Moritán, Permanent Representative of Argentina, Co-Facilitators to lead consultations aimed at enhancing synergies and coherence and reducing overlap in the agendas of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and their subsidiary bodies, in light of the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, providing guidance on the way forward for this process.

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

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

Peter Thomson

All Permanent Representatives  
and Permanent Observers  
to the United Nations  
New York



Misión Permanente de la  
**República Argentina**  
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Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores y Culto

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Excellency,

Australia and Argentina, as the Co-facilitators to lead consultations on the work of the General Assembly and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, have held open meetings with the membership, the UN system and other stakeholders on 8 February, 6 March and 11 April 2017.

There has been active participation from a wide range of delegations, reflecting the importance of this topic. Many concrete ideas and practical proposals have been put forward, though some need further discussion in order to be considered acceptable to all Member States.

Our intention is to continue our consultations and present a report to you in June 2017. Unless member states specifically require it, we do not expect to convene a further open meeting until June, prior to finalising and submitting our report. Of course we remain available for meetings with any country or group of countries to discuss specific issues before that time. Any Member State or stakeholder is also welcome to send through comments and suggestions in writing before 15 May, to inform the preparation of our final report.

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

Gillian Bird  
Australia

  
Martin Garcia Moritan  
Argentina

H.E. Mr. Peter Thomson  
President of the 71st Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations