



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

5 June 2017

Excellency,

I have the pleasure to transmit herewith a letter, dated 2 June 2017, from H.E. Ms. Gillian Bird, Permanent Representative of Australia and H.E. Mr. Martín García Moritán, Permanent Representative of Argentina, regarding the next meeting of the 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.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Thomson'.

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

2 June 2017

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, will hold a briefing on our draft recommendations and report with Member States, UN stakeholders and civil society on Tuesday 13 June 2017 at 10am in the Trusteeship Council.

In advance of that meeting, we would like to share with you our draft recommendations:

1. Recommend the General Assembly Committees and Bureaux hold joint meetings to discuss how its work relates to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda as well as seek advice from the Secretary-General on the feasibility of issuing joint UN reports for Committee resolutions
2. Recommend the President of ECOSOC and the President of the General Assembly convene an annual briefing to Member States outlining the connection between the work of the General Assembly on the 2030 Agenda and its link to the annual discussions to be held in the High Level Political Forum for Sustainable Development under the auspices of ECOSOC
3. Recommend that future work on this process take into account other ongoing processes related to the 2030 Agenda including the UN development system reform and the review of the General Assembly resolution 68/1 regarding the work of ECOSOC
4. Recommend the General Committee in UNGA 72 present proposals on gaps and duplications in the Agenda of the General Assembly as they relate to the 2030 Agenda, and use as a basis for these proposals the 2016 report issued by the small group led by Colombia on the 2030 Agenda alignment
5. Recommend the President of the General Assembly consider the feasibility of completing the alignment process by 2019

We look forward to providing further information on these recommendations at our upcoming briefing.

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

Gillian Bird
Australia

H.E. Mr. Peter Thomson

Martin Garcia Moritan
Argentina

President of the 71st Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations