



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

18 July 2017

Excellency,

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter from the Chair of the informal consultations on modalities of the High-Level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation from His Excellency Mr. Adonia Ayebare, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Uganda, circulating a draft resolution based on comments received at a meeting held on 7 July.

I encourage your active and constructive participation in the consultations on the draft resolution, to be held on 24 July.

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
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Excellency,

I would like to refer to the informal consultations on modalities of the High-Level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation held on 7 July 2017 in which it was agreed that a draft resolution on modalities of the High-Level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation would be circulated by 14 July 2017.

This is therefore to forward for your consideration the attached draft resolution titled "High-Level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation".

The second round of consultations is scheduled for 24 July 2017. Details on time and venue will be published in the Journal before end of next week. For any inquiries, please email to Mr.Byereta Rauben; contactr.byereta@gmail.com.

Please accept Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Adonia Ayebare
Ambassador,
Permanent Representative

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High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 33/134 of 19 December 1978, in which it endorsed the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries,¹

Reaffirming also its resolution 64/222 of 21 December 2009, in which it endorsed the Nairobi outcome document of the High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation,

Recalling its resolutions 71/244 of 19 December 2016, in which it decided to convene a High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation on the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, no later than the first half of 2019,

Reaffirming its resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, in which it adopted a comprehensive, far-reaching and people-centred set of universal and transformative Sustainable Development Goals and targets, its commitment to working tirelessly for the full implementation of the Agenda by 2030, its recognition that eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development, its commitment to achieving sustainable development in its three dimensions — economic, social and environmental — in a balanced and integrated manner, and to building upon the achievements of the Millennium Development Goals and seeking to address their unfinished business,

¹ *Report of the United Nations Conference on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, Buenos Aires, 30 August-12 September 1978* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.78.II.A.11 and corrigendum), chap. I.

Reaffirming also its resolution 69/313 of 27 July 2015 on the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, which is an integral part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, supports and complements it, helps to contextualize its means of implementation targets with concrete policies and actions, and reaffirms the strong political commitment to address the challenge of financing and creating an enabling environment at all levels for sustainable development in the spirit of global partnership and solidarity,

Stressing also that South-South cooperation is not a substitute for, but rather a complement to, North-South cooperation,

Taking note of the growing importance of South-South cooperation, and recognizing the increased role undertaken by the United Nations to support economic cooperation activities among developing countries,

Stressing that South-South cooperation, as an important element of international cooperation for development, offers viable opportunities for developing countries in their individual and collective pursuit of sustained economic growth and sustainable development,

Recalling the United Nations resolutions relevant to South-South cooperation and the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields, including the Doha Declaration on Financing for Development,² and acknowledging the Havana Programme of Action adopted by the first South Summit,³ the Marrakesh Framework for the Implementation of South-South Cooperation⁴ and the Doha Plan of Action adopted by the Second South Summit,⁵

Welcoming with appreciation the generous offer of the Government of Argentina to host the High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation,

1. *Decides* that the High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation:
 - (a) Will be held in Buenos Aires from 20 to 22 March 2019;
 - (b) Will be held at the level of Heads of State and Government;
 - (c) Will have as its overarching theme “The role of South-South and Triangular Cooperation towards achieving Sustainable Development Goals in the framework of the 2030 Agenda”;
 - (d) Will consist of an opening plenary meeting on 20 March from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., a plenary meeting on 21 March from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., interactive panel discussions on the sub-themes will be held in parallel with the plenary meeting from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., and a closing plenary meeting, on 22 March from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;
 - (e) Will result in an intergovernmentally agreed outcome;
 - (f) Will also result in summaries by the Chairperson;

² Resolution 63/239, annex.

³ A/55/74, annex II.

⁴ A/58/683, annex II.

⁵ A/60/111, annex II.

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide all necessary assistance to the preparatory process and the Conference, prepare a comprehensive report, consistent with the overarching theme of the Conference, reviewing the trends in South-South cooperation, including triangular cooperation, reviewing also the progress made by the international community, in particular the United Nations, in supporting and promoting such cooperation and identifying new opportunities, as well as challenges and constraints and measures to overcome them;

3. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a background note by the end of January 2018, including a proposal for sub-themes of the interactive panel discussions;

4. *Reiterates* the role of the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation within the United Nations Development Programme as a separate entity and a focal point for South-South cooperation within the United Nations system, and requests the Office to continue to provide the necessary substantive and technical support to the preparatory process for the Conference;

5. *Encourages* Member States and their partners, including non-governmental organizations, to consider preparing reports on South-South and triangular cooperation for the purpose of the Conference, on a voluntary basis, taking into account the themes of the Conference and the outcomes of regional, subregional or sectoral United Nations meetings prior to the Conference;

6. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to initiate informal consultations with all Member States, in an open, inclusive and transparent manner, commencing at an appropriate date to enable sufficient discussion, with a view to producing a draft outcome prior to the Conference by the end of November 2018;

7. *Reiterates* the importance of the effective participation of all relevant stakeholders, including organizations and bodies of the United Nations, intergovernmental organizations, international financial institutions, non-governmental organizations, civil society, the private sector, academic institutions, the scientific community and philanthropic organizations in the intergovernmental conference, and:

(a) Invites non-governmental organizations that are in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council to register with the Secretariat in order to participate in the intergovernmental conference;

(b) Requests the President of the General Assembly to draw up a further list of other relevant representatives of relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions, the scientific community, philanthropic organizations, and the private sector, who may attend and participate in the intergovernmental conference, taking into account the principles of transparency and of equitable geographical representation, and with due regard to the meaningful participation of women, and to submit the list to Member States for their consideration on a non-objection basis no later than January 2019⁶;

⁶ The list of proposed as well as final names will be brought to the attention of the General Assembly. Where a name is objected to, the objecting Member State will, on a voluntary basis, make known to the Office of the President of the General Assembly the general basis of its objections and the Office will share any information received with any Member State upon its request.

8. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to proceed with the organizational arrangements for the Conference in cooperation with the Government of Argentina, and further requests the Secretary-General to provide a note on the organizational aspects of the Conference;

9. *Encourages* all Member States and other relevant stakeholders that are in a position to do so to consider supporting the participation of developing countries, in particular the least developed countries, including by making voluntary contributions through the United Nations Fund for South-South Cooperation, in order to ensure the broadest possible participation;

10. *Decides* to postpone the twentieth session of the High-level Committee, which is to be held in 2018, to one convenient day in June 2019.