



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

22 March 2011

Excellency,

As a follow-up to the initial rounds of informal consultations on the review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 61/16 on the strengthening of the ECOSOC, undertaken by the facilitator H.E. Mr. Octavio Errázuriz, Permanent Representative of Chile, I have the honor to transmit his letter on a list of topics to be discussed in an informal consultation scheduled for 29 March 2011, at 3 p.m., in the ECOSOC chamber.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Deiss', with a stylized flourish above the name.

Joseph Deiss

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

New York, 21 March 2011

To all Permanent Representatives
And Observer Representatives
To the United Nations

Excellencies,

I would like to begin by thanking you for your continued commitment and good spirit demonstrated in your interventions during the two rounds of informal consultations of the Plenary that have taken place on Resolution 61/16, on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

I have been pleased to ascertain that consensus exists in various key areas of the review of the implementation of Resolution 61/16, which should lead to an agreement that satisfies all parties.

Notwithstanding, I deem it necessary to hold a third round of informal consultations in order to further examine certain issues, on which in my opinion, member States may be able to provide additional feedback that better illustrates the willingness of the General Assembly in this important review process.

Therefore, and without prejudice to the right of each delegation to speak on any issue, I would like request that they focus on the following points:

1. Annualization of the Development Cooperation Forum (DCF)
 - It would be very useful if delegations could elaborate on the advantages and disadvantages of increasing the frequency of the meetings of the DCF.
2. Strengthening of the Spring Session of the ECOSOC with the Bretton Woods Institutions, UNCTAD, and the WTO
 - How do you believe we can motivate all interested parties to be represented at an adequate level?


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- What concrete actions can be taken to improve the format of the meeting as well as the impact of its results?
3. Reformulate the agenda of the October Resumed Session of the ECOSOC
- Is it feasible to include in the agenda the reports of the Executive Secretaries of the Regional Commissions?
 - Is it convenient to create greater space to interact with the Executive Secretaries of the Regional Commissions?
4. Reports of the subsidiary organs of the ECOSOC
- What advantages and disadvantages would result from moving the reports of the subsidiary organs from the General Segment of the Substantive Session to the third or fourth week of June?
5. How could the interaction between the ECOSOC and the specialized agencies of the United Nations be improved?

Finally, I inform your Excellencies that the third round of consultations of the Plenary of the General Assembly on the implementation of Resolution 61/16 will take place next **Tuesday 29 March, at 3pm, in the ECOSOC Chamber.**

I avail myself of this opportunity to express to your Excellencies the assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration.




Octavio Errázuriz
Permanent Representative of Chile
to the United Nations