18 December 2014

Excellency,

I have the pleasure to forward a draft resolution on modalities for the process of intergovernmental negotiations on the post-2015 development agenda.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all delegations for your flexibility and cooperation in reaching agreement on the text.

The text, to be issued as a draft proposal submitted by me is to be scheduled for action shortly in the General Assembly.

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

Sam K. Kutesa

All Permanent Representatives
and Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York
Decision adopted by the General Assembly on ...December 2014

on modalities for the process of intergovernmental negotiations on the post-2015 development agenda

The General Assembly,


Also recalling its resolutions 68/309 of 10 September 2014 on the report of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 66/288, 69/106 of 8 December 2014 on the report of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 66/288, 67/290 of 9 July 2013 on the format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, 61/16 of 20 November 2006 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council and 68/1 of 20 September 2013 on review of the implementation of the General Assembly resolution 61/16 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council, 68/310 of 15 September 2014 on four one-day structured dialogues on possible arrangements for a facilitation mechanism to promote the development, transfer and dissemination of clean and environmentally sound technologies, 68/279 of 30 June 2014 on modalities for the third International Conference on Financing for Development, 69/xxx of xxx December on implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development,

Further recalling its resolution 69/xxx of xxx December 2014 on the organization of the United Nations Summit for the adoption of the post 2015 development agenda, and the decision xxx of xxx December 2014 on dates for the meetings of the process of intergovernmental negotiations on the post-2015 development agenda,
1. Notes the Synthesis report of the Secretary-General on the post-2015 development agenda “The Road to Dignity by 2030: Ending Poverty, Transforming All Lives and Protecting the Planet;

2. Decides that:

(a) the process of intergovernmental negotiations on the post-2015 development agenda will be in accordance with the rules of procedure and established practices of the General Assembly and open, transparent and inclusive, consistent with the resolution xxx of xxx December 2014 on the organization of the United Nations Summit for the adoption of the post 2015 development agenda;

(b) the co-facilitators will ensure the engagement of the relevant stakeholders including major groups, civil society, scientific and knowledge institutions, parliaments, local authorities and the private sector, and seek their views, building upon the practices of the Open Working Group on sustainable development goals and in accordance with resolution xxx on the organization of the United Nations Summit for the adoption of the post 2015 development agenda;

(c) the outcome document to be prepared for adoption at the Summit in September 2015 may include the following main components: Declaration; Sustainable Development Goals and targets; Means of Implementation and Global Partnership for Sustainable Development; and follow-up and review;

(d) in accordance with General Assembly resolution 68/309, the proposal of the Open Working Group shall be the main basis for integrating sustainable development goals into the post-2015 development agenda, while recognizing that other inputs, will also be considered;

(e) in accordance with resolution xxx on the organization of the United Nations Summit for the adoption of the post 2015 development agenda and resolution 68/279, every effort shall be made to ensure effective coordination between the intergovernmental negotiations on the post-2015 development agenda and the preparatory process for the third International Conference on Financing for Development and other relevant United Nations intergovernmental processes in order to promote coherence, build synergies and minimize duplication of effort;

(f) the initial draft of the outcome document on the post 2015 development agenda shall be prepared by the co-facilitators on the basis of views provided by member states and taking into account substantive discussions in the process of intergovernmental negotiations, and shall be presented to member states by May 2015 for the intergovernmental negotiations;
3. *Further decides* on the following provisional indicative roadmap:
   (a) 19-21 January 2015 [3 days] – Stocktaking
   (b) 17-20 February 2015 [4 days] – Declaration
   (c) 23-27 March 2015 [5 days] – Sustainable Development Goals and targets
   (d) 20-24 April 2015 [5 days] – Means of Implementation and Global Partnership for Sustainable Development
   (e) 18-22 May 2015 [5 days] – Follow up and review
   (f) 22-25 June 2015 [4 days] – Intergovernmental negotiations on the outcome document

4. Underlining the importance of achieving a consensus outcome, *decides* that the outcome document of the post-2015 development agenda should be adopted by consensus;

5. *Decides that* the interactive dialogues of the Summit shall have an overarching theme of ‘Transforming the world: Realizing the post-2015 development agenda, and that the themes for the six individual dialogues will be decided through the process of intergovernmental negotiations of the post-2015 development agenda;

6. *Also decides* that these modalities will be flexible and reviewed as necessary.