



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

16 March, 2016

Excellency,

The General Assembly will play a key role in supporting implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

As indicated in my letter dated 27 November 2015 and pursuant to paragraph 24 of General Assembly resolution 69/321 of 11 September 2015, I have decided to appoint the Permanent Representative of Colombia, Her Excellency María Emma Mejía Vélez, to find agreement on a proposal, in consultation with member states, aimed at strategically aligning the agenda of future sessions of the General Assembly with the 2030 Agenda, including the Sustainable Development Goals. This process should serve to enhance synergies and coherence across the work of the plenary, main committees and ECOSOC, and to reduce overlap where it is found to exist.

Given the scope of this work and with a view to ensure regional representation, I have asked four members of the General Committee, who also chair some of the most affected bodies, to support the Permanent Representative of Colombia in this endeavour without precluding the engagement of the remaining Committees. These are: the Permanent Representative of Korea, His Excellency Oh Joon (President of ECOSOC); the Permanent Representative of Morocco, His Excellency Omar Hilale (Chair of the Third Committee); the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands, His Excellency Karel van Oosterom (Chair of the First Committee) and the Permanent Representative of Slovenia, His Excellency Andrej Logar (Chair of Second Committee).

Annexed is a draft timeline for the process, developed by the facilitator and four Permanent Representatives, which will ensure that the work initiated by the Chair of the Second Committee on similar issues can inform this broader endeavour, and that space will be provided for the consultation process on follow-up and review led by the Permanent Representative of Belize and the Permanent Representative of Denmark. The facilitated informal consultations will begin 1 June, 2016.

I have requested the Secretariat to support the process.

I encourage all Member States to lend their fullest support to the facilitator.

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

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Mogens Lykketoft', written in a cursive style.

Mogens Lykketoft

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

Annex: Timeline for the General Committee Process of aligning the agenda of future sessions of the General Assembly with the 2030 Agenda

Process	Month
Informal briefing	March
Request the Secretariat to initiate mapping	March
Mapping of General Assembly agenda items and resolutions, including the ECOSOC according to the 2030 agenda	April
Meeting of facilitator and four PRs to discuss mapping and prepare draft recommendations	May
Informal outreach	May
Informal briefing on the draft recommendations with all Member States	May
Informal consultations with Member States	June
Presentation of outcome and adoption	Mid-July