



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

27 July 2016

Excellency,

In my letter dated 22 July 2016, I updated the membership on the status of informal consultations on the draft resolution on the Follow-up and Review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the global level. I have today been informed that consensus has been reached on the draft text as initially circulated under silence procedure on 7 June. It is my intention therefore to bring the draft resolution, as attached, to the General Assembly for its consideration this coming Friday 29 July 2016.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all Member States and their delegations for their tireless efforts and working in the spirit of collaboration and compromise. In particular, let me take this opportunity to thank Her Excellency Lois M. Young, Permanent Representative of Belize and His Excellency Ib Petersen, Permanent Representative of Denmark, for the great skill and determination that they demonstrated in their capacity as co-facilitators.

Let me reiterate my belief that this resolution, upon adoption, will facilitate timely and effective preparations for the High-level Political Forum in the coming years, to the benefit of all Member States.

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

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

Mogens Lykketoft

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FINAL DRAFT

FOLLOW-UP AND REVIEW OF THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AT THE GLOBAL LEVEL

The General Assembly,

PP1. *Recalling* its resolutions 66/288 of 27 July 2012, 67/290 of 9 July 2013, 68/1 of 20 September 2013,

PP2. *Reaffirming* its resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, and reaffirming our unwavering commitment to achieving this agenda and utilizing it to the full to transform our world for the better by 2030,

PP3. *Further reaffirming* that in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Member States committed to engage in systematic follow-up and review of the implementation of the Agenda in accordance with agreed guiding principles including in paragraph 74 of resolution 70/1 and asserted that the high-level political forum will have a central role in overseeing a network of follow-up and review processes of the 2030 Agenda at the global level, working coherently with the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and other relevant organs and forums, in accordance with existing mandates,

PP4. *Recalling also* its resolution 69/313 of 27 July 2015 on the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development,

1. *Takes note of* the report of the Secretary-General;¹
2. *Decides* that, for purposes of the thematic reviews of progress on the 2030 Agenda at the high-level political forum, the sequence of themes for each four-year cycle of the forum shall reflect the integrated, indivisible, interlinked nature of the sustainable development goals and three dimensions of sustainable development, including cross-cutting issues as well as new and emerging issues, and will serve as the frame for reviewing all 17 goals;
3. *Decides* therefore that for the remainder of the current cycle² of the high-level political forum under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council the themes shall be:
 - 2017
Theme: Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world
 - 2018
Theme: Transformation toward sustainable and resilient societies
 - 2019
Theme: Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality;
4. *Further decides* that the high-level political forum under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council, without prejudice to the integrated, indivisible,

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²Noting that the Economic and Social Council has decided that the theme for the high-level political forum in 2016 is “Leaving no one behind”.

interlinked nature of the sustainable development goals, will discuss a set of goals and their interlinkages including, if appropriate, with other goals, at each session representing the three dimensions of sustainable development, with a view to facilitating an in-depth review on progress of all goals over the course of a four-year cycle, with means of implementation, including goal 17, reviewed annually;

5. *Decides further* that for the remainder of the current cycle of the high-level political forum under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council the sets of goals to be reviewed in depth shall be:

- 2017
Sustainable Development Goals: 1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 14,
- 2018
Sustainable Development Goals: 6, 7, 11, 12, 15
- 2019
Sustainable Development Goals: 4, 8, 10, 13, 16;

6. *Decides* that the Economic and Social Council shall ensure alignment of its annual main themes and the corresponding annual themes of the high-level political forum on sustainable development under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council to foster coherence;

7. *Takes note with appreciation of* the preparations for the voluntary national reviews for the high-level political forum under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council in 2016 and *encourages* that experience gained from this and future sessions should be taken into consideration in the development of new and flexible arrangements for the preparation of subsequent sessions, as appropriate, bearing in mind that their aim is to facilitate the sharing of experiences including successes, challenges and lessons learnt, and *encourages* Member States to involve stakeholders in the national voluntary reviews in accordance with paragraphs 78 and 79 of the resolution 70/1;

8. *Takes note of* the support provided to Member States preparing for voluntary national reviews, and requests the President of the Economic and Social Council to encourage voluntary national reviews from all countries, including countries in special situations;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to update, as appropriate and taking into account feedback from countries participating in the high-level political forum, the voluntary common reporting guidelines as provided for in the annex to the report of the Secretary-General³, and to make them available to Member States as a suggested tool in the preparation for voluntary national reviews;

10. *Encourages* Member States to identify the most suitable regional or sub-regional fora and formats, where appropriate, as a further means to contribute to the follow-up and review at the high-level political forum, recognizing the need to avoid duplication, and welcomes the steps taken in this regard;

11. *Reaffirms* paragraph 11 of resolution 67/290, while also recognizing the challenges facing countries in conflict and post-conflict situations and supporting the principle of leaving no one behind, and that the meetings of the forum will

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provide for effective linkages with the follow-up and review arrangements of all relevant United Nations conferences and processes including on least developed countries, small island developing states, and landlocked developing countries.

12. *Encourages* that, in the organization of the meetings of the high-level political forum, web-based interfaces should be considered as an additional means of supporting the effective, broad and balanced participation by region and by type of organization in accordance with the modalities on the participation of stakeholders in resolution 67/290, and reiterates the call to Major Groups and Stakeholders to report on their contribution to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda;

13. *Reaffirms* that the meetings of the high-level political forum will be informed by an annual progress report on the Sustainable Development Goals and the quadrennial Global Sustainable Development Report, as well as all other relevant inputs;

14. *Underscores* that all inputs to the high-level political forum, shall be made available and easily accessible utilizing existing web-based platforms;

15. *Encourages* coherence of the General Assembly and its main committees, the Economic and Social Council, the specialized agencies and the functional commissions of the Council, and other intergovernmental bodies and forums with the work of the high-level political forum toward the follow-up and review of the implementation of the Agenda and *encourages* that the quadrennial comprehensive policy review takes into account the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development and, in this regard, *takes note* of the ongoing work of the General Assembly and its main committees, the Economic and Social Council and its functional and regional commissions and other intergovernmental bodies and forums on review of their working methods and agendas in order to ensure that they address the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development within their respective area of expertise and mandate, while avoiding duplications;

16. *Reaffirms* paragraph 23 of resolution 67/290 and in this regard *requests* the Secretary-General to enhance the effectiveness, efficiency, accountability, and internal coordination of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, considering the need for avoiding overlap of its work, and ensuring that the work of the Department is organized in an integrated, cohesive, coordinated and collaborative manner, in order that the Department as a whole can provide support to the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda at the global level including to the work of the Economic and Social Council, and the organization of its segments and the high-level political forum;

17. *Decides* to convene the biennial Development Cooperation Forum prior to the high-level political forum and *invites* the Economic and Social Council to consider timing its engagement with various intergovernmental bodies in order to support their contribution to the high-level political forum;

18. *Requests* the President of the Economic and Social Council to jointly convene the high-level segment of the Council and the three ministerial days of the high-level political forum, meeting under the auspices of the Council, in order to avoid duplication, enhance efficiency, and strengthen complementarity and synergy;

19. *Decides* that the meetings of the high-level political forum under the auspices of the General Assembly and those under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council shall be closely coordinated to ensure coherence and provide for mutually reinforcing linkages, especially when it is deemed appropriate to convene

the high-level political forum under the auspices of the Council in the same year that it is convened under the auspices of the Assembly in order to provide necessary space for the conduct of voluntary national reviews and thematic reviews; in this connection, also *decides* that the high-level political forum shall only have one negotiated political declaration, covering the different and complementary functions of both sessions of the high-level political forum when the forum is convened twice in the same year;

20. *Reaffirms* its decision as provided in resolution 67/290 that the outcome of the high-level political forum under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council will result in a negotiated ministerial declaration for inclusion in the report of the Council to the General Assembly, except as otherwise provided, and *invites* the President of the Economic and Social Council, in consultation with the Bureau of the Council, to prepare a factual summary to reflect the discussions of the meeting;

21. *Decides* to review progress in implementing the present resolution and General Assembly resolution 67/290 on the format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development at its seventy-fourth session in order to benefit from lessons learned in the first cycle of the high-level political forum as well as from other processes under the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council related to the follow-up and review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda;