



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

26 May 2016

Excellency,

Please find attached a final draft resolution and related communication from Her Excellency Lois M. Young, Permanent Representative of Belize and His Excellency Ib Petersen, Permanent Representative of Denmark, in their capacity as co-facilitators for the informal consultations on the Follow-up and Review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, at the global level.

An informal informal consultation on this matter will be held on Friday, 27 May 2016, at 3pm in Conference Room 4.

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

To all Permanent Representatives
and Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York



PERMANENT MISSION OF DENMARK
TO THE UNITED NATIONS



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May 26, 2016

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We will convene informal consultations on the final draft Friday 27 May 2016 at 3 pm in Conference Room 4.

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

Lois M. Young
Ambassador
Permanent Representative
Belize

Ib Petersen
Ambassador
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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;

PP2bis. 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 and asserted that the high-level political forum will have a central role in overseeing a network of follow-up and review processes 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,

PP3. *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. *Further decides* that the high-level political forum under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council, without prejudice to the integrated, indivisible, interlinked nature of the sustainable development goals, will discuss a set of goals and their interlinkages 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 goal 17 reviewed annually based on the outcome of the Financing for Development Forum;
4. *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: Ensuring food security on a safe planet by 2030

¹A/70/684

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

- 2018
Theme: Making cities sustainable and building productive capacities
- 2019
Theme: Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness

CO-FACILITATORS' PROPOSAL

[4. alt. *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]

4. bis. *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, 6, 13, 14, 15 and 17
- 2018
Sustainable Development Goals: 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, and 17
- 2019
Sustainable Development Goals: 3, 4, 5, 10, 16 and 17

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- 2018
Sustainable Development Goals: 6, 7, 11, 12, 15 and 17
- 2019
Sustainable Development Goals: 4, 8, 10, 13, 16 and 17]

5. *Encourages* the Economic and Social Council to align its annual themes with 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;

6. *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 and that the reviews make use of innovative arrangements for the preparation of subsequent sessions, 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 non-state actors, including civil society and the private sector, in the national voluntary reviews;

7. *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, 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 reference tool in the preparation for voluntary national reviews;

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

11. *Reaffirms* that the meetings of the forum shall devote adequate time to the discussion of the sustainable development challenges facing developing countries, including the most vulnerable countries, in particular least developed countries, small island developing States and landlocked developing countries as well as recognize the challenges faced by African countries, middle income countries and countries in conflict and post-conflict situations, ensuring that no country is left behind;

11.bis *Decides* that the meetings of the forum will 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, building on resolution 67/290, innovative arrangements including web-based interfaces should be considered so as to support the effective, broad and balanced participation by region and by type of organization;

13. *Takes note* of the Economic and Social Council consultations on the scope, frequency and methodology of the Global Sustainable Development Report and its relationship to the Sustainable Development Goal Progress Report;

14. *Reiterates* the call to major groups and other stakeholders to report on their contributions to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and *encourages* the private sector and civil society to inform the United Nations of their commitments to implement it as part of their contribution to follow-up and review;

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

³ A/70/684

16. *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 *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;

17. *Requests* in this regard the Secretary-General to streamline the organization of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs so as to avoid duplication and ensure that the Department as a whole can effectively provide support to the high level political forum in a cohesive, coordinated and collaborative manner;

18. *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 and *decides* to convene the biennial Development Cooperation Forum prior to the high-level political forum;

19. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to closely coordinate organizational arrangements and agendas of the three-day ministerial segment of the high-level political forum under the auspices of the Council and the high-level segment of the Council, to ensure that there is only one thematic debate and one outcome document adopted once for both meetings, except as otherwise provided, in order to avoid duplication of discussions, enhance efficiency, and strengthen complementarity and synergy, while respecting their distinct functions;

20. *Decides*, bearing in mind the different roles of the high-level political forum when meeting under the auspices of the General Assembly and when meeting under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council, that when meeting in the same year they shall be closely coordinated to avoid duplication, ensure coherence and provide for mutually reinforcing linkages; and *decides further* for these purposes that the high-level political forum shall only have one negotiated political declaration for that year, covering the different and complementary functions of both sessions of the high-level political forum in that year;

21. *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 to prepare a factual summary of the meeting;

22. *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.