



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

21 December 2017

Excellency,

I have the pleasure to transmit herewith a letter, dated 20 December 2017, from H.E. Ms. Alya Ahmed S. Al Thani, Permanent Representative of the State of Qatar and H.E. Mr. Einar Gunnarsson, Permanent Representative of Iceland, Co-Facilitators to lead intergovernmental consultations on the ECOSOC review process, in accordance to Resolution 68/1 entitled “Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 61/16 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council”.

The co-facilitators are convening the first informal meeting on Thursday, 1 February 2018, at 10:00 am. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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

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

Miroslav Lajčák

All Permanent Representatives and
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New York



PERMANENT MISSION
OF ICELAND TO THE UN

20 December 2017

Excellency,

We are writing with reference to General Assembly resolution 68/1 entitled "Review of implementation of General Assembly resolution 61/16 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council", in which the General Assembly decided that the arrangements contained in the resolution and its annex will be reviewed at its seventy-second session.

The President of the General Assembly has appointed us as co-facilitators to conduct informal consultations on his behalf. In this capacity, we have the pleasure to invite you to the first informal meeting to be held on Thursday, 1 February 2018, at 10:00 am. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

This is a significant opportunity to reflect on the work of ECOSOC, and its role in supporting implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and respond to global challenges. At this first meeting we invite you to share initial thoughts and ideas on the different aspects of resolution 68/1, particularly on the following questions:

- o How to approach the review of 68/1 in order to cover its substantive and structural aspects?
- o How to ensure that the review takes into account related processes but without overburdening its focus?
- o How effectively is the Council generating, including through its annual main theme, the needed leadership, strategic direction and specific guidance?
- o How can the Council augment the added-value coming from the various interlinked functions of the ECOSOC cycle? Are there changes to be made, within and/or across these functions?

In terms of structuring our work, we would be most grateful to listen to your views on the timeline and outcome of the review.

We look forward to your constructive engagement.

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

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