



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

2 March 2018

Excellency,

I have the pleasure to transmit herewith a letter, dated 1 March 2018, from H.E. Mr. Sabri Boukadoum, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Algeria and H.E. Mr. Ib Petersen, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Denmark, Co-Facilitators of the repositioning of the United Nations development system, in the context of the General Assembly resolution 71/243 related to the quadrennial comprehensive policy review (QCPR) of operational activities for development of the UN system.

The co-facilitators are convening the first informal meeting on Thursday 8 March 2018, at 3:00 pm, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Lajčák'.

Miroslav Lajčák

All Permanent Representatives and
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New York



THE PERMANENT MISSION OF ALGERIA
TO THE UNITED NATIONS

PERMANENT MISSION OF DENMARK
TO THE UNITED NATIONS



1 March 2018

Excellency,

We are writing with reference to General Assembly resolution 71/243 entitled "Quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system", which called for a United Nations development system that is more strategic, accountable, transparent, collaborative, efficient, effective and results-oriented, and requested the Secretary-General in that regard to present a system-wide outline of functions and capacities (OP19), a system-wide strategic document for collective action in the implementation of the 2030 agenda (OP20), options to improve accountability, coordination and oversight (OP45) and a comprehensive proposal to improve the Resident Coordinator system (OP58).

The Secretary-General presented his vision and concrete proposals in his June report A/72/124-E/2018/3 entitled "Repositioning the United Nations development system to deliver on the 2030 Agenda: ensuring a better future for all" and his December report A/72/684-E/2018/7 entitled "Repositioning the United Nations development system to deliver on the 2030 Agenda: our promise for dignity, prosperity and peace on a healthy planet".

The President of the General Assembly has appointed us as co-facilitators to conduct informal consultations on his behalf on the repositioning of the UN development system. In this capacity, we have the pleasure to invite you to the first informal meeting on Thursday, 8 March 2018, at 3:00 pm. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

This is a critical opportunity to ensure a UN development system that is fit to support Member States in translating the promise of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development into results on the ground. Three years into the adoption of the Agenda, we need to accelerate our efforts to deliver on its ambition and ensure we have the United Nations development system we need.

This first meeting will offer a significant opportunity to take stock of the progress achieved during previous consultations under the auspices of ECOSOC, including during its Operational Activities Segment, and share thoughts and ideas on the way forward, in

particular on the timeframe and structure of the consultations, the nature and the scope of the outcome document as well as elements of the zero draft and the coordination with related processes to ensure coherence.

As co-facilitators we are committed to an open, inclusive and transparent process, and count on your support and active and constructive engagement. We stand available to meet with Member States throughout the process.

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



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