



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

13 March 2018

Excellency,

I have the pleasure to transmit herewith a letter, dated 12 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 circulating an outline of the draft UN General Assembly resolution on the follow up to the QCPR and inviting Member States to provide guidance and specific suggestions for the zero draft by Wednesday, 14 March 2018. Please note that the next informal consultation will take place on Friday, 16 March 2018 at 15.00 hrs. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'M. Lajčák', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Miroslav Lajčák

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



PERMANENT MISSION OF DENMARK
TO THE UNITED NATIONS



12 March 2018

Excellency,

We would like to thank all delegations for very constructive, open and forward looking discussions on the repositioning of the UN development system held on 8 March, 2018. We are truly heartened by the expressions of support to our role as co-facilitators and the shared sense of urgency to conclude our work within the deadline set by the President of the General Assembly.

We are committed to deliver high quality results within this timeframe. At the same time, we fully understand the need to ensure that important aspects of the 2016 UN General Assembly resolution on Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review are covered and views expressed by Member States are reflected adequately. We believe that the Secretary-General's proposals for the repositioning of the United Nations development system contained in his reports A/72/124-E/2018/3 and A/72/684-E/2018/7, feedback from Member States provided during the interactive briefings and the ECOSOC Operational Activities Segment, the Summary by the Vice President of the Council and comments provided by Member States at our meeting on 8 March have given us useful material to begin our work.

Building on these foundations, we have developed the attached annotated outline of the draft UN General Assembly resolution on the follow-up to the QCPR. This is just an outline to facilitate your work in providing us further guidance towards developing the zero draft of the resolution. We would greatly appreciate to receive any guidance, comments and specific suggestions you may have at this stage in a written form by COB Wednesday, 14 March.

We take this opportunity to invite you to our next informal that will take place Friday, 16 March at 3 pm in Trusteeship Council Chamber. The meeting will offer an opportunity to discuss and further comment in this annotated outline.

As mentioned at our meeting on 8 March, for the sake of transparency, any proposals to be considered for the text of the resolution should be stated during our informals. We would of course also welcome any subsequent written summaries of input provided orally at the informals.

Enclosed please also find an overview of planned informals – please note that we might need to re-schedule meetings along the way in accordance with the progress of our consultations.

We are looking forward to working with you to ensure that UN development system is ready and able to support the timely realization of the 2030 Agenda and for leaving no one behind.

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



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**GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION ON THE FOLLOW-UP TO THE QCPR
DRAFT ANNOTATED OUTLINE**

Repositioning the United Nations development system

I. Reaffirming the 2030 Agenda, Addis Ababa Action Agenda and the QCPR Resolution

- The 2030 sustainable development agenda, the AAAA and other relevant intergovernmental agreements at the centre of UNDS's work
- Eradicating poverty as the greatest global challenge to be addressed by the UNDS, and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development
- QCPR principles as the founding principles for the UNDS
- Special attention to the needs of countries in special situations, as referred to in the QCPR resolution.

II. Responding to the 2030 Agenda through a new generation of UN Country Teams

- A revitalized, strategic, action-oriented UNDAF in accordance with national priorities and including a clear UN response
- Tailored country presence as proposed by SG and in full consultation with national governments
- Support to measures for advancing common business operations for joint work and efficiencies
- Call for enhanced coordination with humanitarian and peacebuilding efforts in line with the QCPR, while emphasising that UN entities act in full compliance with their respective mandates

III. Reinvigorating UN leadership in-country: the Resident Coordinator system

- Creation of a dedicated, impartial, empowered and development focused RC coordination function separated from UNDP representation.
- Enhanced authorities of the RC, in part through matrixed reporting lines for greater system-wide accountability on the 2030 Agenda
- Strengthened capacities of the RC and the RC office to be fully in line with country needs and priorities
- Strengthened RC recruitment process, including for gender and geographical balance
- DOCO's assumption of managerial and oversight functions of the RC system in assisting Member States in achieving the SDGs as a standalone coordination office under the leadership of an ASG and reporting to the DSG as Chair of UNDG

IV. Guiding and holding the UN development system to account

- Repositioning of ECOSOC OAS to serve as accountability platform for system-wide performance for the 2030 Agenda and in line with GA res. 68/1 review
- Legislative authority on areas of joint action to the existing joint meeting of the Executive Boards allowing it to become a decision-making platform
- Strengthening of independent system-wide evaluation and establishment of a small, dedicated unit

V. Funding the UNDS to deliver an integrated and effective response: A Funding Compact

- The Funding Compact
- Adequate, reliable and predictable funding underpinning the UNDS ability to deliver on the 2030 Agenda
- Importance of increasing core funding and improving quality of non-core resources
- Enhancing use of inter-agency pooled and entity-specific thematic funds to complement core funding for UNDS activities
- Funding of the RC system to deliver a coherent, effective, efficient and accountable response in line with national needs and priorities
- Launch Funding Dialogue to operationalize and follow-up on agreement on Funding Compact

VI. Follow-up on the UNDS repositioning efforts at global, regional and country level

- Guiding and streamlining of the system-wide strategic document for collective action based on present resolution on system-wide outline of functions and capacities, and submission to ECOSOC OAS in 2019
- A phased approach to strengthen the regional approach through immediate steps and longer term options to be discussed at ECOSOC OAS in 2019
- Looking forward to SG's work on strengthening partnership capacities and approaches, DESA reform, support to South-South cooperation, triangular, and North-South cooperation.
- SG to present progress report on implementation of present resolution at ECOSOC OAS 2019
- SG to present comprehensive report by 2020 for the QCPR.

Repositioning of the UN development system

DRAFT CALENDAR OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

DATE	TIME	VENUE
Friday, 16 March	3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Trusteeship Council Chamber
Friday, 23 March	10:00 am - 1:00 pm 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Trusteeship Council Chamber
Tuesday, 27 March	10:00 am - 1:00 pm 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	CR 4 ECOSOC Chamber
Tuesday, 3 April	10:00 am - 1:00 pm 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	CR 1
Wednesday, 4 April	10:00 am - 1:00 pm 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	CR 1
Monday, 9 April	10:00 am - 1:00 pm 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	CR 2
Tuesday, 10 April	10:00 am - 1:00 pm 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	CR 1
Wednesday, 11 April	10:00 am - 1:00 pm 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	CR 2
Thursday, 12 April	10:00 am - 1:00 pm 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	ECOSOC Chamber
Friday, 13 April	10:00 am - 1:00 pm 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	ECOSOC Chamber