20 July 2018

Excellency,

In accordance with paragraph 10 of resolution 72/230, the General Assembly invited the President of the General Assembly to convene, within existing resources, a high-level meeting at the beginning of the seventy-third session, and no later than December 2018, to discuss the gaps and challenges of middle-income countries in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

In this regard, I wish to extend my appreciation to H.E. Ms. Mirgul Moldoisaeva, Permanent Representative of Kyrgyzstan, and H.E. Mr. Tore Hattrem, Permanent Representative of Norway, for facilitating informal consultations with Member States in preparation for the high-level meeting.

Based on the consultations, I wish to propose the following modalities for the high-level meeting which will take place from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm and 3.00 to 6.00 pm on 2 October 2018 in Conference Room 4. The high-level meeting will be open to Member States, Observers of the General Assembly, the United Nations system and relevant stakeholders. It will include an opening segment, two interactive panel discussions and a plenary segment for general discussion.

The plenary segment will comprise statements by Member States and Observers of the General Assembly. The list of speakers will be established in accordance with established practices of the General Assembly. The time limits for these statements will be three minutes for individual delegations and five minutes for statements made on behalf of a group of States.

The outcome of the high-level meeting will be a summary prepared by the President of the General Assembly.

I have the honour to enclose herewith the draft agenda of the high-level meeting. An updated agenda will be shared in due course.

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

Miroslav Lajčák

All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York
## Provisional Programme

**General Assembly high-level meeting**

to discuss the gaps and challenges of middle-income countries in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

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| 10.30 am – 11.45 am| Interactive panel 1:                            | Successes and challenges in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for middle-income countries: lessons learnt from UN funds and programmes  
                      | Moderator (tbc)                  
                      | Panellists (tbc)                              |
| 11.45 am – 1.00 pm| Interactive panel 2:                            | The role of South-South cooperation and triangular cooperation in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development  
                      | Moderator (tbc)                  
                      | Panellists (tbc)                              |
| 3.00 am – 6.00 pm | Plenary segment                                 |                                                                         |