

13 May 2019

Excellency,

We write to you in our capacities as co-facilitators appointed by the President of the General Assembly to lead the intergovernmental negotiations with a view to producing a Political Declaration for the comprehensive high-level mid-term review of the implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action (VPoA) for the decade 2014-2024, as mandated by General Assembly Resolution 72/232 entitled "Follow-up to the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries" of 20 December 2017.

In discharging our mandate, we will convene the first informal consultations at 3 PM on Tuesday 18 June 2019 in the ECOSOC Chamber. During this first meeting, delegations will have an opportunity to be briefed by the co-facilitators on the proposed structure and content of the zero draft, the roadmap of the intergovernmental negotiations and will be invited to provide general comments.


We would also like to invite you to the first reading of the zero draft on Friday 21 June 2019 starting from 10 AM in Conference Room 2, with a view to hearing specific and substantive comments of Member States on the zero draft. We hope to have interpretation for the presentation of the zero draft as well as for the first reading.

The tentative roadmap of this process is as follows:

Date	Time	Activity	Location
16 June (tbc)	Afternoon	Release of the zero draft	<i>electronic</i>
18 June	3 pm - 4:30 pm	Presentation of the zero draft	ECOSOC Chamber
21 June	10am – 1pm, 3pm – 6pm	First Informal	CR 2
27 June	10am – 1pm, 3pm – 6pm	Second Informal	CR 12
1 July	10am – 1pm, 3pm – 6pm	Third Informal	CR 2

We count on your active participation and support in this process.

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



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