



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

12 November 2019

Excellency,

I have the pleasure to forward herewith a letter dated 12 November 2019 from H.E. Mr. Craig John Hawke, Permanent Representative of New Zealand to the United Nations and facilitator of the process related to the identification of the theme for the ECOSOC and HLPF.

The facilitator is sharing the final draft of the decision related to the theme, which is put under silence procedure until Thursday, 14 November 2019 at 6 p.m. (New York time).

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized, cursive script.

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



Permanent Mission of New Zealand
to the United Nations

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Excellency

I am writing to you in my capacity as facilitator of the process related to the identification of the theme for the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) for the 2019-2020 cycle and the high-level political forum on sustainable development (HLPF) for 2020.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to delegations for their constructive engagement at the informal consultation on 5 November 2019. I heard broad support in the room for the proposed theme and its elements. I also heard calls for the theme to reflect the need for accelerated action and for it to be easily communicable.

Following that conversation, I have the honour to share with you the final draft of the decision for the theme, which, after having consulted with delegations, I would like to put under silence procedure until Thursday, 14 November 2019 at 6 pm (New York time).

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The draft decision is as follows:

The General Assembly, recalling its resolutions 67/290, 70/1, 70/299 and 72/305, decides that the main theme for the high-level political forum on sustainable development for the year 2020 and the Economic and Social Council for the 2019-2020 cycle will be "*Accelerated action and transformative pathways: realizing the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development*".

I would like to express again my appreciation to delegations for the positive and open conversations. I hope that we can reach a consensus decision to allow planning for ECOSOC and HLPF to proceed expeditiously.

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

Yours sincerely



Craig John Hawke

Ambassador

Permanent Representative of New Zealand to the United Nations