



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

5 February 2020

Excellency,

I have the pleasure to forward herewith, a letter dated 4 February 2020, from H.E. Ambassador Milica Pejanović Đurišić, Permanent Representative of Montenegro and H.E. Ambassador Collen Vixen Kelapile, Permanent Representative of Botswana, the co-facilitators leading the intergovernmental consultations, in pursuance of resolution 73/341, on alignment of the agendas of General Assembly and ECOSOC and its subsidiary bodies, in accordance with relevant rules of procedure and in the light of the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The co-facilitators are convening the first informal meeting of the intergovernmental consultations on 17 February 2020 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Conference Room 2, United Nations Headquarters, New York. The co-facilitators have also shared a background note on the outcomes of agenda alignment during the seventy-third session.

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

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Tijjani Muhammad-Bande

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Permanent Observers to the United Nations  
New York



PERMANENT MISSION OF MONTENEGRO  
TO THE UNITED NATIONS



PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC  
OF BOTSWANA TO THE UNITED NATIONS

4 February, 2020

Excellency,

We have the honour to write to you in our capacity as co-facilitators of the intergovernmental consultations to enhance synergies and coherence by addressing “gaps, overlaps and duplication where they are found to exist in the agendas of the General Assembly, especially of its Second and Third Committees, and the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies, as they relate to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as a whole”, as mandated in Assembly resolution 73/341 on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (notably paragraphs 12, 27 and 28).

Further to our letter dated 24 January 2020, we wish to invite you to the first informal consultation which will be convened on **17 February 2020 in Conference Room 2 at 11:30 to 1pm**. For your ease of reference, a background note is attached herewith.

As we begin our consultations, we propose the following questions that could be used to frame our substantive discussions at the first meeting:

- i. How would delegations recommend advancing and completing the General Assembly's work on alignment during the 74<sup>th</sup> session? Based on the updated mapping developed during the 73<sup>th</sup> session and earlier work in this regard, could we identify which SDGs are adequately covered in the UN intergovernmental bodies concerned and which ones would need more attention? What would solutions be for the latter SDGs?
- ii. Could the criteria discussed at the 73<sup>rd</sup> session be further elaborated and what could be a good process for determining where gaps, overlaps and duplication may exist and addressing them?
- iii. Are there, in your views, glaring areas where there are gaps, overlaps and duplication?

- iv. What kind of support would delegations need from the co-facilitators and the Secretariat on (i) ensuring that all SDGs are addressed in UN intergovernmental bodies and (ii) identifying and addressing gaps, overlaps and duplication where they are found to exist in the agendas of the intergovernmental bodies concerned?

As co-facilitators, we aim to work with all delegations to produce proposals to submit to the President of the General Assembly during the 74<sup>th</sup> session, as laid out in GA resolution 73/341. To this end, we look forward to your inputs and engagement.

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



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Permanent Representative of  
Montenegro to the United Nations



**Collen V. Kelapile**  
Permanent Representative of  
Botswana to the United Nations

**Background note: Outcomes on agenda alignment from the 73<sup>rd</sup> session**

The below outcomes on agenda alignment were presented to the President of the General Assembly by the co-facilitators of the 73<sup>rd</sup> session, H.E. Ms. Marie Chatardová, Permanent Representative of the Czech Republic, and H.E. Ms. Maria Helena Lopes De Jesus Pires, Permanent Representative of Timor Leste, in their Report of the Co-facilitators of 10 September 2019. These outcomes were shared with all Member States by the President of the General Assembly in his letter of 18 September 2019.

The outcomes include:

- (i) – Updated mapping of SDG coverage by the General Assembly, ECOSOC and ECOSOC functional commissions (Annex I);
- (ii) – Possible criteria for reducing overlaps and duplication where they are found to exist: Note of the co-facilitators (Annex II); and
- (iii) – Final input of the alignment process to the General Assembly draft resolution on the “Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly”, of which the final adopted version is resolution 73/341 (Annex III).

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**Review of alignment of the agendas of the General Assembly, ECOSOC, and their subsidiary bodies and the HLPF and other related forums in light of the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

**Report of the Co-facilitators  
10 September 2019**

*Recalling of mandate*

In her letter of 20 November 2018, Her Excellency Ms. María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés, President of the General Assembly, following consultations with Member States, appointed us as co-facilitators to lead intergovernmental consultations on the alignment process.

The President also referred in her letter to General Assembly resolution 72/313, “*Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly*”, and particularly to its paragraphs 29, 30 and 31 related to the “need to enhance synergies and coherence and reduce overlap where it is found to exist in the agendas of the

General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and their subsidiary bodies, as well as the high-level political forum and other related forums in light of the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development". Agenda alignment was also welcomed by the General Assembly in its resolution 72/305 on the strengthening of ECOSOC.

#### *The alignment process during previous General Assembly sessions*

The alignment of the agendas of the General Assembly, ECOSOC and other bodies has been addressed through informal consultations over several recent sessions of the General Assembly, beginning with the 70<sup>th</sup> session. There was thus already a rich history of consultations and analysis on which our consultations were able to build. These consultations have shown that Member States agree that the work of UN intergovernmental bodies needs to be aligned with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. There is also broad agreement on the need to address overlap in the work of intergovernmental bodies where it is found to exist.

#### *The process during the 73<sup>rd</sup> session*

During the General Assembly's current (73<sup>rd</sup>) session, there has been continued general interest in advancing the alignment of agendas. We believe that the process we conducted has served to both advance the work on ensuring that the United Nations intergovernmental bodies adequately cover the 2030 Agenda and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals and targets, as well as advance the process on enhancing synergies and coherence by addressing gaps, overlaps and duplication where they are found to exist in the agendas of the General Assembly, ECOSOC and their subsidiary bodies.

We convened three informal consultations, as well as five expert-level "informal-informal" consultations. The timing of the deliberations, including the upcoming SDG Summit in September 2019 and the preparations for the summit on the UN 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary in September 2020, offered momentum to this alignment process which ultimately aims at improving the way intergovernmental bodies review the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. The joint briefing convened by the PGA and the President of ECOSOC in January 2019 also allowed Member States to share their views and concrete ideas on alignment.

During our informal consultations, delegations reiterated the importance they attach to the alignment process. The full and effective implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development was seen to be of the utmost importance, with a special focus on ending poverty in all its forms everywhere as the greatest global challenge facing the world today and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development.

During the consultations, we heard many messages from Member States on key principles for conducting the alignment of agendas. Delegations see alignment as a Member State driven process, with the ownership and leadership of Member States. They also wish to preserve the sovereign right of Member States to present draft resolutions.

Member States decided to update the mapping of the SDGs and targets to the respective agendas of the General Assembly and ECOSOC, first carried out by Colombia during the General Assembly's 70<sup>th</sup> session. Delegations decided to simplify this mapping by looking at how the SDGs (rather than the SDGs and their targets) are addressed by the agendas of various bodies.

Member States also agreed that there is a need to continue to consider gaps, overlaps and duplication by the Main Committees of the General Assembly in their respective agendas as they relate to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It was also stated that examining possible overlaps should be carried out on a case-by-case basis, looking not only at titles of agenda items but also at the content of resolutions and reports and bearing in mind the mandates of various bodies. Therefore, Member States started to reflect upon elements for possible criteria to facilitate future consideration of overlaps and duplications. However, there were differences in their approaches for defining possible criteria. Some delegations believed that it is imperative to deal with the criteria to identify overlaps and duplication and were ready to agree on such aspects during this session. Others believed that the criteria would need to be considered at a later stage as there is a need to have a detailed, thorough and comprehensive discussion on the SDGs and the agenda items before addressing criteria to identify overlaps and duplication.

Based on these consultations, we are pleased to convey the updated SDG mapping in Annex I to this Note, which enjoyed agreement among delegations. We also include, in Annex II, the possible criteria for considering overlaps and duplication, on which Member States expressed a variety of views and there was no shared agreement.

We are also pleased to include, in Annex III, the final compromise draft input to the draft GA resolution on the "Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly" from the intergovernmental consultations that we co-facilitated.

In a letter of the President of the General Assembly of 1 August 2019, the paragraphs for inclusion in the revitalization resolution were placed under a silence procedure that concluded successfully on 7 August 2019. The text was then sent to the Ad Hoc Working Group on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly of the General Assembly for inclusion in the draft resolution.

In conclusion, we wish to highlight the shared significance attached by Member States to the alignment process. This process is seen as important for ensuring adequate strategic direction and guidance on sustainable development at the global level. It was heartening to hear from Member States that coherence and coordination between the General Assembly, ECOSOC and the HLPF are regarded as especially significant as the start of the second four-year cycle of the HLPF approaches. The 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Nations could also present further avenues for advancing alignment.

Through the valuable work and positive engagement of Member States, we feel that new seeds have been planted as a good basis for moving forward towards alignment during the 74<sup>th</sup> session of the General Assembly to further clarify the value-added of each intergovernmental platform, augment their impact toward the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and strengthen their response to emerging global trends and challenges on sustainable development.

We were honoured and grateful to have been appointed and to have engaged as Co-facilitators on alignment in the General Assembly during its 73<sup>rd</sup> session.

## ANNEX I

### **SDG COVERAGE BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ECOSOC AND ECOSOC FUNCTIONAL COMMISSIONS**

The table below represents a simplified version of the detailed mapping assessment of SDGs and targets prepared under the leadership of Colombia during the 70<sup>th</sup> session of the General Assembly.<sup>1</sup> It looks at how each SDG is addressed in the agendas of the General Assembly, ECOSOC and ECOSOC functional commissions. It takes the same approach as the mapping of Colombia by highlighting not only items directly related to a given SDG but also items addressing issues having an important impact on that SDG.

The HLPF, as central platform for follow up and review, has not been included in the table as, by its mandate, it covers all SDGs and “oversees a network of follow-up and review processes at the global level”. Also, not included are the High-level Segment and the Integration Segment of ECOSOC -- which address a main annual theme (identical to the HLPF’s) and may thus address issues related to any SDG depending on the year. [GA resolution 72/305]. The Management Segment has been tentatively included since it addresses issues within the mandate of ECOSOC subsidiary bodies<sup>2</sup> and a few other items.

Some Functional Commissions have been identified as relevant to a specific SDG based on their broad mandate.

Some items appear as cross-cutting (such as on financing for development, science and technology, poverty or items on the programmes of actions for countries in special situations) and thus appear in the section on “Overall implementation of the 2030 Agenda”.

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<sup>1</sup> A few items have been added or deleted compared to the original mapping. All General Assembly agenda items referenced are from the 73<sup>rd</sup> session of the General Assembly unless otherwise indicated. All ECOSOC agenda items referenced are from the 2019 ECOSOC.

<sup>2</sup> GA resolution 72/305 asked the Management Segment to focus on “the adoption of procedural decisions, consideration of recommendations of subsidiary bodies, as well as the introduction of reports and consideration of draft proposals submitted under relevant agenda items”. ECOSOC can decide to discuss/reopen the outcome of a subsidiary body

SDG	Second Committee	Third Committee	Plenary/Other Committees	ECOSOC	ECOSOC Subsidiary Bodies
<p><b>Overall implementation of the 2030 Agenda</b></p>	<p><b>Agenda item 20<sup>3</sup></b> Sustainable development</p> <p>a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the programme for the further implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit for Sustainable Development and of the UN Conference on Sustainable Development</p> <p>b) Follow-up to and implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;</p> <p><b>Agenda item 23</b> Groups of countries in special situations:</p>			<p><b>ECOSOC Operational activities for development segment</b></p> <p><b>Management Segment Agenda item 10<sup>4</sup></b> The role of the UN system in the integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development into the implementation of the 2030 Agenda</p> <p><b>Agenda item 11</b> Implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and Summits</p> <p>a) Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development</p>	

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<sup>4</sup> All ECOSOC agenda items referenced are from the 2019 ECOSOC.



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	<p>a) Follow-up to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;</p> <p>b) Follow-up to the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries.</p> <p><b>Agenda item 18</b> Macroeconomic policy questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) International trade and development;</li> <li>b) International financial system and development;</li> <li>c) External debt sustainability and development;</li> <li>d) Promotion of international cooperation to combat illicit financial flows and strengthen good practices on assets return to foster sustainable development</li> </ul> <p>d) Commodities (Biennial, 72nd GA, Item 17d)</p>			<p><b>ECOSOC FFD Forum</b></p> <p><b>ECOSOC STI Forum Management Segment Agenda item 11</b></p> <p>Implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits (b) Programme of Action for LDCs</p>	

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	<p><b>Agenda item 19</b> Follow-up to and implementation of the outcomes of the International Conferences on Financing for Development</p> <p><b>Agenda item 25</b> Operational activities for development</p> <p>a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system</p>				

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<p><b>SDG1</b> End poverty in all its forms everywhere</p>	<p><b>Agenda Item 24</b> Eradication of poverty and other development issues a) Third United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty c) Women in Development (Biennial, 72<sup>nd</sup> GA, Item 23b) d) Human resources development (Biennial, 72<sup>nd</sup> GA, Item 23c)</p> <p><b>Agenda item 20</b> Sustainable development c) Disaster risk reduction d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa f) Convention on Biological Diversity</p>	<p><b>Agenda item 28</b> Social Development a) World Summit for Social Development and GA 24th special session b) Social development c) International Year of Older Persons</p> <p><b>Agenda Item 29</b> a) Advancement of Women</p> <p><b>Agenda Item 68</b> Promotion and protection of the rights of children. a) rights of children</p> <p><b>Agenda item 71</b> Rights of indigenous peoples</p>	<p><b>Plenary</b> <b>Agenda item 16</b> The role of the United Nations in promoting a new global human order</p> <p><b>Plenary</b> <b>Agenda item 68</b> New Partnership for Africa's Development a) progress in implementation and international support</p>	<p><b>Agenda item 18</b> Economic and environmental questions (b) Science and technology for development h) International cooperation in tax matters</p>	<p><b>Commission for Social Development</b> <b>Agenda Item 3</b> World Summit for Social Development and the 24th special session of the General Assembly a) Discussion on priority theme b) UN plans and programmes of action on situation of social groups c) Emerging issues</p>

<p><b>SDG 2</b> End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture</p>	<p><b>Agenda Item 22</b> Globalization and interdependence a) Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence (Biennial, 72nd GA, Item 21a) b) Science, technology and innovation for development (Biennial, 72nd GA, Item 21b)</p> <p><b>Agenda item 26</b> Agriculture, food security and nutrition</p>	<p>a) Rights of indigenous people</p> <p><b>Agenda Item 72</b> Promotion and protection of Human Rights b) promotion and protection of HR (HR and extreme poverty). Human rights questions,</p> <p><b>Agenda Item 73</b> a) Coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts</p>	<p><b>Agenda item 68</b> New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support</p>	<p><b>Management Segment:</b> <b>Agenda item 11</b> Implementation of and follow-up to major UN conferences and summits: Committee on World Food Security</p>	<p><b>Commission for Social Development</b> <b>Agenda Item 3</b> World Summit for Social Development and the 24th special session of the General Assembly a) Discussion on priority theme b) UN plans and programmes of</p>
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	<p>e) UN Convention to Combat Desertification f) Convention on Biological Diversity</p> <p><b>Agenda Item 22</b> Globalization and interdependence b) Science, technology and innovation for development (Biennial, 72<sup>nd</sup> GA, Item 21b)</p> <p><b>Agenda Item 24</b> Eradication of poverty and other development issues a) Third United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty b) Women in Development (Biennial, 72<sup>nd</sup> GA Item 23b)</p>	<p>Advancement of Women.</p> <p><b>Agenda Item 68</b> Promotion and protection of the rights of children. a) rights of children</p> <p><b>Agenda item 71</b> Rights of indigenous peoples a) Rights of indigenous people</p> <p><b>Agenda Item 72</b> Promotion and protection of Human Rights. b) promotion and protection of HR (HR and extreme poverty). Human rights questions,</p> <p><b>Agenda Item 73</b> a) Coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts</p>		<p>action on situation of social groups c) Emerging issues</p>
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<p><b>SDG 3</b> Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages</p>	<p><b>Agenda item 18</b> Macroeconomic policy questions. (a) International trade and development (b) International financial system for development (c) External debt sustainability and development (d) Commodities (Biennial, 72<sup>nd</sup> GA, Item 17d) (e) Financial inclusion for sustainable development (Biennial, 72<sup>nd</sup> GA, Item 17e)</p> <p><b>Agenda item 20</b> Sustainable development c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction d) Protection of global climate e) UN Convention to Combat Desertification f) Convention on Biological Diversity</p> <p><b>Agenda item 22</b> Globalization and interdependence:</p>	<p><b>Agenda item 28</b> Social Development b) Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family</p> <p><b>Agenda Item 29</b> Advancement of Women.</p> <p><b>Agenda Item 70</b> Promotion and protection of the rights of children. a) rights of children</p> <p><b>Agenda Item 74</b> Promotion and protection of Human Rights a) Implementation of human rights instruments</p>	<p><b>Plenary</b> <b>Agenda item 11</b> Implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and political declarations on HIV/AIDS</p> <p><b>Plenary</b> <b>Agenda item 13</b> 2001–2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria</p> <p><b>Plenary</b> <b>Agenda item 129</b> <b>Global health and foreign policy</b></p> <p><b>Plenary</b> <b>72<sup>nd</sup> GA Agenda item 12</b> Improving global road safety</p>	<p><b>Management Segment</b> Agenda item 12 Coordination, programme and other questions (f) Prevention and control of non-communicable diseases;</p>	<p><b>Commission on Population and Development</b></p> <p><b>Commission for Social Development</b> <b>Agenda Item 3</b> World Summit for Social Development and the 24th special session of the General Assembly a) Discussion on priority theme b) UN plans and programmes of action on situation of social groups c) Emerging issues</p>

	<p>(b) International migration and development (Biennial, 73<sup>rd</sup> GA)</p> <p><b>Agenda Item 24</b> Eradication of poverty and other development issues</p> <p>b) Women in Development (Biennial, 72<sup>nd</sup> GA, Item 23b)</p> <p>c) Human resources development (Biennial, 72<sup>nd</sup> GA, Item 23c)</p>	<p>b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms</p> <p><b>Agenda Item 75</b> Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance</p> <p>a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations</p> <p><b>Agenda item 110</b> International drug control</p>			
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<p><b>SDG 4</b> Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all</p>	<p><b>Agenda item 20</b> Sustainable development <b>g) Education for sustainable development (Biennial, 72nd GA, Item 19g)</b></p> <p><b>Agenda Item 24</b> Eradication of poverty and other development issues b) Women in Development (Biennial, 72nd GA, Item 23b) c) Human resources development (Biennial, 72nd GA, Item 23c)</p> <p><b>Agenda Item 22</b> Globalization and interdependence c) Culture and sustainable development (Biennial, 72nd GA, Item 21c)</p>	<p><b>Agenda item 28</b> Social Development a) World Summit for Social Development and GA 24th special session b) Social development c) Literacy for life</p> <p><b>Agenda item 29</b> Advancement of women</p> <p><b>Agenda item 69</b> Report of the Human Rights Council</p> <p><b>Agenda Item 70</b> Promotion and protection of the rights of children. a) rights of children b) Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children</p>	<p><b>Plenary</b> <b>Agenda item 12</b> Sport for development and peace</p> <p><b>Plenary</b> <b>Agenda item 15</b> Culture of peace</p> <p><b>Plenary</b> <b>Agenda item 68</b> New Partnership for Africa's Development a) progress in implementation and international support</p>		<p><b>Commission for Social Development</b> <b>Agenda Item 3</b> World Summit for Social Development and the 24th special session of the General Assembly a) Discussion on priority theme b) UN plans and programmes of action on situation of social groups c) Emerging issues</p>





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<p><b>SDG 5</b> Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls</p>	<p><b>Agenda item 24</b> Eradication of poverty and other development issues (c) Women in development (Biennial, 72nd GA, Item 23b)</p> <p><b>Agenda item 17</b> Information and communications technologies for development</p> <p><b>Agenda item 22</b> Globalization and interdependence: (b) International migration and development (Biennial, 73rd GA) (c) Science and technology for development (Biennial, 72nd GA, Item 21b)</p>	<p><b>Agenda Item 29</b> Advancement of women</p> <p><b>Agenda item 28</b> Social development a) World Summit for Social Development and GA 24<sup>th</sup> special session</p> <p><b>Agenda Item 70</b> Promotion and protection of the rights of Children</p> <p><b>Agenda Item 74</b> Promotion and protection of human rights (b) Human rights questions</p>		<p><b>Management Segment</b> <b>Agenda item 12</b> Coordination, programme and other questions c) mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system</p>	<p><b>Commission on the Status of Women</b></p> <p><b>Commission for Social Development</b> Agenda Item 3 b) UN plans and programmes of action on situation of social groups</p> <p><b>Commission on Population and Development</b></p>

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<p><b>SDG 6</b> Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all</p>	<p><b>Agenda item 20</b> Sustainable development a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the programme for the further implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit for Sustainable Development and of the UN Conference on Sustainable Development: International Decade for Action, "Water for Sustainable Development", 2018–2028 d) International Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction e) UN Convention to Combat Desertification</p> <p><b>Agenda item 24</b> Eradication of poverty and other development issues (b) Women in development (Biennial, 72nd GA, Item 23b)</p>	<p><b>Agenda item 71</b> Rights of indigenous peoples (a) Rights of indigenous peoples</p> <p><b>Agenda item 74</b> Promotion and protection of human rights</p>			<p><b>Commission for Social Development Agenda Item 3</b> World Summit for Social Development and the 24th special session of the General Assembly a) Discussion on priority theme b) UN plans and programmes of action on situation of social groups c) Emerging issues</p>

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<p><b>SDG 7</b> Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all</p>	<p><b>Agenda item 20</b> <b>Sustainable development</b> (i) Ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all</p> <p><b>Agenda item 22</b> Globalization and interdependence (b) Science and technology for development (Biennial, 72<sup>nd</sup> GA, Item 21b)</p>	<p><b>Agenda item 28</b> a) World Summit for Social Development and GA 24<sup>th</sup> special session b) Social development</p>			<p><b>Commission for Social Development</b> <b>Agenda Item 3</b> World Summit for Social Development and the 24th special session of the General Assembly a) Discussion on priority theme b) UN plans and programmes of action on situation of social groups c) Emerging issues</p>

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<p><b>SDG 8</b> Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all</p>	<p><b>Agenda item 18</b> <b>Agenda item 22</b> Globalization and interdependence (b) International migration and development (Biennial, 73<sup>rd</sup> GA) (c) Science and technology for development (Biennial, 72<sup>nd</sup> GA, Item 21b) (d) Culture and sustainable development (Biennial, 72<sup>nd</sup> GA, Item 21c) (e) Development cooperation with middle-income countries (Biennial, 72<sup>nd</sup> GA, Item 21d)</p> <p><b>Agenda item 24</b> Eradication of poverty and other development issues (d) Human resources development (Biennial, 72<sup>nd</sup> GA, Item 23c)</p> <p><b>Agenda item 27</b> Towards global partnerships (Biennial, 72<sup>nd</sup> GA, Item 26)</p>	<p><b>Agenda item 28</b> Social Development a) World Summit for Social Development and GA 24<sup>th</sup> special session (b) Social development</p> <p><b>Agenda item 29</b> Advancement of women</p> <p><b>Agenda item 74</b> Promotion and protection of human rights (b) Human rights questions</p>		<p><b>Agenda item 19</b> Social and human rights questions (b) Social development</p>	<p><b>Commission for Social Development Agenda Item 3</b> World Summit for Social Development and the 24th special session of the General Assembly a) Discussion on priority theme b) UN plans and programmes of action on situation of social groups c) Emerging issues</p>

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<p><b>SDG 9</b> Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation</p>	<p><b>Agenda item 17</b> Information and communications technologies for sustainable development</p> <p><b>Agenda item 20</b> Sustainable development (c) Disaster risk reduction</p> <p><b>Agenda item 21</b> United Nations Conferences on Human Settlements and on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)</p> <p><b>Agenda item 22</b> Globalization and interdependence (c) Science, technology and innovation for development (Biennial, 72<sup>nd</sup> GA, Item 21b) (d) Development cooperation with middle-income countries (Biennial, 72<sup>nd</sup> GA, Item 21 d)</p> <p><b>Agenda item 24</b> Eradication of poverty and other development issues (b) Industrial development cooperation (Biennial, 73<sup>rd</sup> session)</p>		<p><b>Plenary</b> <b>Agenda item 68</b> New Partnership for Africa's Development a) progress in implementation and international support</p>	<p><b>ECOSOC FFD Forum</b> Outcomes of Global Infrastructure Forum reported to UN Member States via the ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development Follow-up</p> <p><b>ECOSOC STI Forum</b></p> <p><b>Management Segment</b> Agenda item 11 Implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits (b) Programme of Action for LDCs</p> <p><b>Agenda item 18</b> Economic and environmental questions (b) Science and technology for development</p>	<p><b>Commission for Social Development</b> Agenda Item 3 World Summit for Social Development and the 24th special session of the General Assembly a) Discussion on priority theme b) UN plans and programmes of action on situation of social groups c) Emerging issues</p>

SDG	Second Committee	Third Committee	Plenary/Other Committees	ECOSOC	ECOSOC Subsidiary Bodies
<p><b>SDG 10</b> Reduce inequality within and among countries</p>	<p><b>Agenda item 22</b> Globalization and interdependence (b) International migration and development (Biennial, 73<sup>rd</sup> session) (e) Development cooperation with middle-income countries (Biennial, 72<sup>nd</sup> session Item 21 d)</p> <p><b>Agenda item 24</b> Eradication of poverty and other development issues</p> <p><b>Agenda item 25</b> Operational activities for development (b) South-South cooperation</p>	<p><b>Agenda item 28</b> <b>Social Development</b> a) <b>World Summit for Social Development and GA 24<sup>th</sup> special session (b) Social development</b></p> <p><b>Agenda item 29</b> Advancement of women.</p> <p><b>Agenda item 70</b> Promotion and protection of the rights of children</p> <p><b>Agenda item 71</b> Rights of indigenous peoples (a) Rights of indigenous peoples</p> <p><b>Agenda item 72</b> Elimination of racism, racial discrimination,</p>	<p><b>Plenary</b> <b>Agenda item 16</b> The role of the United Nations in promoting a new global human order (Biennial, 73<sup>rd</sup> session)</p>	<p><b>Management Segment</b> <b>Agenda item 11</b> Implementation and follow-up to major UN conferences and Summits b) Programme of Action for LDCs</p> <p><b>Agenda item 18</b> Economic and environmental questions h) International cooperation in tax matters</p> <p><b>Agenda item 19</b> Social and human rights questions (b) Social development</p> <p><b>ECOSOC Forum on financing for development</b></p>	<p><b>Commission for Social Development</b> <b>Agenda Item 3</b> World Summit for Social Development and the 24th special session of the General Assembly a) Discussion on priority theme b) UN plans and programmes of action on situation of social groups c) Emerging issues</p> <p><b>Commission on Population and Development</b></p> <p><b>Commission on the Status of Women</b></p>





SDG	Second Committee	Third Committee	Plenary/Other Committees	ECOSOC	ECOSOC Subsidiary Bodies
<p><b>SDG 11</b> Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable</p>	<p><b>Agenda item 21</b> United Nations Conference on Human Settlements and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)</p> <p><b>Agenda item 20</b> Sustainable development (c) Disaster risk reduction</p> <p><b>Agenda item 22</b> Globalization and interdependence (c) Culture and sustainable development (Biennial, 72<sup>nd</sup> GA, Item 21c)</p> <p><b>Agenda Item 24</b> Eradication of poverty and other development issues b) Women in Development (Biennial, 72<sup>nd</sup> GA, Item 23b)</p> <p><b>Agenda item 19</b> Follow-up to and implementation of the outcomes of the International Conferences on Financing for Development</p>	<p><b>Agenda item 28</b> Social development a) World Summit for Social Development and GA 24<sup>th</sup> special session b) Social development</p> <p><b>Agenda item 29</b> Advancement of women</p>			<p><b>Commission for Social Development Agenda Item 3</b> World Summit for Social Development and the 24th special session of the General Assembly a) Discussion on priority theme b) UN plans and programmes of action on situation of social groups c) Emerging issues</p> <p><b>Commission on Population and Development</b></p>

SDG	Second Committee	Third Committee	Plenary/Other Committees	ECOSOC	ECOSOC Subsidiary Bodies
<p><b>SDG 12</b> Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns</p>	<p><b>Agenda item 20</b> Sustainable development a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the programme for the further implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit for Sustainable Development and of the UN Conference on Sustainable Development g) Education for Sustainable Development (Biennial, 72nd GA, Item 19g) h) Harmony with Nature i) Ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all; j)</p> <p><b>Agenda item 26</b> Agriculture development, food security and nutrition</p> <p><b>Agenda item 24</b> Eradication of poverty and other development issues</p>	<p><b>Agenda item 28</b> Social development a) World Summit for Social Development and GA 24<sup>th</sup> special session</p>			

SDG	Second Committee	Third Committee	Plenary/Other Committees	ECOSOC	ECOSOC Subsidiary Bodies
<b>SDG 13</b> Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts	<b>Agenda item 20</b> Sustainable development (c) Disaster risk reduction (d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind	<b>Agenda item 71</b> Rights of indigenous peoples a) Rights of indigenous people  <b>Agenda item 28</b> Social Development b) Social development			

SDG	Second Committee	Third Committee	Plenary/Other Committees	ECOSOC	ECOSOC Subsidiary Bodies
<p><b>SDG 14</b> Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development</p>	<p><b>Agenda item 20</b> Sustainable development (b) Follow-up to and implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (f) Convention on Biological Diversity</p>		<p><b>Plenary</b> <b>Agenda item 78</b> Oceans and the law of the sea (a) Oceans and the Law of the Sea (b) Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments</p> <p><b>Sixth Committee</b> <b>Agenda item 82</b> Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its seventieth session (Sea-level rise in relation to international law)</p>		

SDG	Second Committee	Third Committee	Plenary/Other Committees	ECOSOC	ECOSOC Subsidiary Bodies
<p><b>SDG 15</b> Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss</p>	<p><b>Agenda item 20</b> Sustainable development (d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind (e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (f) Convention on Biological Diversity (h) Harmony with Nature (j) Combatting sand and dust storms (k) Report of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the UN Environment Programme (Biennial, 73<sup>rd</sup> GA) (l) Sustainable mountain development (Triennial GA 71st, Item 19) (l) Sustainable mountain development (Triennial GA 71st, Item 19)</p>				<p><b>United Nations Forum on Forests</b></p>

SDG	Second Committee	Third Committee	Plenary/Other Committees	ECOSOC	ECOSOC Subsidiary Bodies
<p><b>SDG 16</b> Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels</p>	<p><b>Agenda item 17</b> Information and communications technologies for development</p> <p><b>Agenda item 22</b> Globalization and interdependence: (b) International migration and development (Biennial, 73<sup>rd</sup> session)</p>	<p><b>Agenda item 28</b> Social development a) World Summit for Social Development and GA 24<sup>th</sup> special session b) Social development</p> <p><b>Agenda item 71</b> Rights of indigenous peoples a) Rights of indigenous people</p> <p><b>Agenda item 109</b> Crime prevention and criminal justice</p> <p><b>Agenda Item 74</b> Promotion and protection of human rights b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for</p>	<p><b>Plenary Agenda item 33:</b> The role of diamonds in fueling conflict</p> <p><b>Sixth Committee Agenda Item 86</b> The rule of law at the national and international levels</p> <p><b>First Committee Agenda item 101</b> General and complete disarmament m) Implementation of the Convention on the prohibition of the use, stockpiling, production and transfer of anti-personnel mines and on their destruction q) The illicit trade in small arms and light</p>	<p><i>ECOSOC NGO Committee</i></p>	<p><b>Committee of Experts on Public Administration</b></p> <p><b>Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice</b></p> <p><b>Commission for Social Development</b> Agenda Item 3 World Summit for Social Development and the 24th special session of the General Assembly a) Discussion on priority theme b) UN plans and programmes of action on situation of social groups c) Emerging issues</p> <p><b>Commission on Population and Development</b></p> <p><b>Statistical Commission</b> The UNSC reviewed the work and</p>

		<p>improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms (Convention on Enforced Displacement)</p> <p><b>Agenda Item 109</b> Crime prevention and criminal justice</p>	<p>weapons in all its aspects bb) The Arms Trade Treaty</p> <p><b>Sixth Committee</b> <b>Agenda Item 111</b> Measures to eliminate international terrorism</p>		<p>recommendations for the improvement of civil registration systems</p>
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SDG	Second Committee	Third Committee	Plenary/Other Committees	ECOSOC	ECOSOC Subsidiary Bodies
<p><b>SDG 17</b> Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development</p>	<p><b>Agenda item 27</b> Towards global partnerships</p> <p><b>Agenda item 19</b> Follow-up to and implementation of the outcomes of the International Conferences on Financing for Development</p> <p><b>Agenda item 17</b> Information and communications technologies for development</p> <p><b>Agenda item 22</b> Globalization and interdependence (a) Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence (b) International migration and development (Biennial, 73<sup>rd</sup> GA) (c) Science and technology for development (Biennial, 72<sup>nd</sup> GA, Item 21b) (e) Development cooperation with middle-income countries (Biennial, 72<sup>nd</sup> GA, Item 21d)</p>		<p><b>Plenary</b> <b>Agenda item 68</b> New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support</p> <p><b>Agenda item 128</b> Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations</p> <p><b>Agenda item 133</b> Impact of rapid technological change on the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals</p>	<p><b>ECOSOC Operational activities for development segment</b></p> <p><b>ECOSOC NGO Committee</b></p> <p><b>ECOSOC Partnerships Forum</b></p> <p><b>*ECOSOC FFD Forum</b></p> <p><b>ECOSOC Development Cooperation Forum</b> (Biennial, 2018 ECOSOC)</p> <p><b>ECOSOC Special Meeting on international cooperation on tax matters</b></p> <p><b>ECOSOC STI Forum</b></p> <p><b>Management Segment</b> Agenda items 11 Implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations</p>	<p><b>Commission on Population and Development</b></p> <p><b>Commission for Social Development</b> <b>Agenda Item 3</b> World Summit for Social Development and the 24th special session of the General Assembly a) Discussion on priority theme b) UN plans and programmes of action on situation of social groups c) Emerging issues</p> <p><b>Statistical Commission</b></p>



	<p><b>Agenda item 25</b> Operational activities for development (b) South-South cooperation for development</p> <p><b>Dialogue with the Executive Secretaries of Regional Commissions</b></p>			<p>conferences and summits (a) Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development</p> <p>Agenda item 18 Economic and environmental questions (h) International cooperation in tax matters</p>	
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## ANNEX II

### **Possible criteria for reducing overlaps and duplication where they are found to exist in light of the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

#### **Note of the co-facilitators**

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development represents a paradigm shift in development, necessitating that the United Nations become better coordinated, integrated and coherent in its development efforts. The agendas of the UN intergovernmental bodies need to help them to deliver on the ambitious and comprehensive 2030 Agenda and its interlinked Sustainable Development Goals and to supporting national governments in unlocking their full development potential.

The ownership and leadership of the analysis of overlaps and duplication in the agendas of both the General Assembly and ECOSOC rests with Member States, with the understanding that any exercise regarding overlapping must safeguard and strengthen the United Nations' development work. At the same time, duplication should be avoided in the work of intergovernmental bodies so that Member States can spend adequate time to address the critical issues.

In addressing duplication where it is found to exist, it will be important to retain the substantive content of the UN intergovernmental agenda, keeping in mind that overlap does not necessarily mean repetition. Possible overlaps and duplication between the General Assembly and ECOSOC should be evaluated on a case-by-case basis, analysing items according to these bodies' respective mandates. The assessment should go beyond the titles of agenda items and examine sub-items and the content of resolutions and reports of the Secretary-General. The analysis should also bear in mind the different perspectives of the Second, Third and other Main Committees, ECOSOC and other bodies.

To carry out an objective analysis of possible overlaps and duplication, there is also a need to develop criteria to assess overlaps and duplication and to address them with a coherent and consistent approach. As Co-facilitators, we wish to offer a few thoughts on possible criteria for delegations to consider in the continuing analysis of the way the SDGs are addressed in the UN intergovernmental bodies.

In general, the criteria for analyzing overlaps and duplication need to ultimately aim at effectively supporting the 2030 Agenda. For this, the UN agendas need to offer a high degree of cohesion towards implementation. Reducing overlaps and duplication should not be seen as reduced delivery, but rather, delivering more within less time and more targeted background documentation. Such gains have multiplier effects across pillars and intergovernmental bodies.

Possible criteria for identifying overlaps and duplication are listed below.

Thus, it might be considered that there is a duplication if:

- The same issue is considered by two bodies (e.g., the title of the item is the same).
- There is overlap not only in the title of the item but also in the content of the SG reports and resolutions considered under the item.
- None of the bodies have an oversight function over the other (For example, ECOSOC adopts the reports of its subsidiary bodies so it needs to have an item for this purpose with the exact same title as the name of the subsidiary body).
- The two bodies consider the issue from a similar angle (as opposed to each body looking at the interlinkages of the issue with a specific area within their purview - for example poverty may be

addressed in general in the Second Committee while the Commission on Population and Development might look only at poverty and migrants).

- The mandates and functions of the two bodies could not justify that both consider the same issue from a different perspective (for example if the GA adopts policy guidance and ECOSOC reviews its implementation by the UN system).

The overlap or duplication might be justified if:

- The item is an issue mandated to be mainstreamed in the work of all UN bodies (e.g. gender mainstreaming, countries in special situations).
- The item is a cross-cutting (e.g. financing).

### Annex III

#### 5 Input of the alignment process to the General Assembly draft resolution on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

##### *Co-facilitators' compromise proposal for the silence procedure*

*Recalls* the Guidelines on the Rationalization of the Agenda of the General Assembly, as adopted in its resolution 48/264 of 29 July 1994;

*Also recalls* the need to enhance synergies and coherence by addressing gaps, overlaps and duplication where they are found to exist in the agendas of the General Assembly, especially of its Second and Third Committees, and the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies, in accordance with relevant rules of procedure and in the light of the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

*Requests* the General Committee, while exercising its functions under rule 40 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, to pay special attention to reduction of such overlap; (*agreed language, OP30, res. 72/313*)

*Reiterates its request* to the President of the General Assembly at its 74<sup>th</sup> session to identify proposals, in a timely manner, through consultations with all Member States, the President of the Economic and Social Council, and the General Committee, within their respective mandates, aimed at addressing gaps, overlaps and duplication where they are found to exist in the agenda of the General Assembly as they relate to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as a whole, and reaffirms the respective mandates of the Main Committees of the General Assembly, and on that basis, calls on all of them to continue their consideration of addressing gaps, overlaps and duplication in their respective agendas as they relate to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as a whole, and, in this regard, requests them to make proposals available for discussion during the 74<sup>th</sup> session of the General Assembly;

*Takes note with appreciation* of the updated mapping assessment of the SDG coverage developed during the 73<sup>rd</sup> session of the General Assembly as an evolving reference document for the consideration of the Member States during the 74<sup>th</sup> session of the General Assembly, and also takes note of the initial efforts made during the 73<sup>rd</sup> session of the General Assembly to develop possible criteria to identify overlaps and duplication where they are found to exist, with a view to continuing the work on agenda alignment with the aim to focus the work of the General Assembly more effectively and efficiently on the timely implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;