5 March 2020

Excellency,

I have the pleasure to transmit herewith a letter dated 5 March 2020 from H.E. Mr. Kaha Imnadze, Permanent Representative of Georgia, and H.E. Mr. Jean-Claude do Rego, Permanent Representative of Benin, the co-facilitators for the intergovernmental negotiations for the review process of the Economic and Social Council and the High-level Political Forum as per General Assembly resolution 67/290 of 9 July 2013 entitled “Format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development”, resolution 70/299 of 29 July 2016 entitled “Follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the global level”, as well as resolution 72/305 of 23 July 2018 entitled “Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 68/1 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council”.

The letter from the co-facilitators conveys the dates for two additional thematic review meetings to be held on Wednesday, 11 March 2020 at 3 p.m., and Thursday, 12 March at 10 a.m. Both meetings will be held in Conference Room 2.

I thank you in advance, for your delegation’s active participation, constructive engagement and support in this process.

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

Tijjani Muhammad-Bande

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Excellencies,

We are writing in our capacity as the co-facilitators for the intergovernmental negotiations for the review process of ECOSOC and the high-level political forum on sustainable development (HLPF).

Further to our letter dated 26 February 2020, which informed Member States of our decision to convene two informal thematic meetings on HLPF and ECOSOC on Thursday 5 March and Friday 6 March respectively, we have been informed that a number of delegations have requested additional time to consider the content of the two non-papers that were provided with the letter, so as to coordinate their positions, and to thus ensure that inputs to the forthcoming informal discussions reflect the highest level of quality and coherence. To respect the request from a number of delegations to give them more time to coordinate their positions, we will be holding another two meetings on Wednesday, 11 March 2020 at 3 pm in the conference room 2 and on Thursday, 12 March 2020 at 10 am in the same conference room.

Meanwhile, we will still hold the meetings on 5th and 6th of March in order to hear from the speakers and to give you the opportunity to ask questions and make any comments if you so wish.

We reaffirm our commitment to an open, inclusive and transparent process, and count on your continuous active engagement and support.

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

Kaha Imnadze
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Jean-Claude de Rego
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