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### **Thematic review**

- LI would welcome a more data-based approach of the thematic reviews for the SDGs in line with the structures and findings of the Global Sustainable Development Report.
- So far, we have reviewed SDG 17 every year, and we would like to propose to treat SDG 16 (Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels) in the same way. These SDGs are of different nature than other SDGs. Strong institutions are enabler for the successful implementation of all the other SDGs

### **VNR process**

- We are in favor of an evidence-based approach, with a focus also on gaps and remaining challenges. Subsequent VNRs should address how challenges and gaps of first VNR have been addressed
- We welcome a more meaningful, interactive participation of all relevant stakeholders, including civil society and private sector actors.
- Liechtenstein can look back at a very successful inclusive national SDG review process: our first VNR reflects not only a whole-of-government assessment of the progress and remaining challenges in the SDG implementation, but also valuable input from civil society and private sector actors, including through a specifically designed survey.
- welcome idea of closer cooperation with UN during VNR preparation or UN shadow report, which increases comparability among VNRs.
- The HLPF review should encourage those States who have not yet done so to present a VNR as soon as possible.

### **Declaration**

- concise short document, limited to accelerated implementation
- Alternatively, the report of the ECOSOC president could be used as outcome document.

### **Structure of HLPF**

- “form follow function”
- The HLPF is the main forum for follow up and review of the implementation of the SDGs. Everything SDG related tasks of ECOSOC should be dealt within HLPF, ECOSOC should focus on functional commission, programs and funds instead.
- We are of the view that the HLPF should have a prominent role in the ECOSOC cycle, if necessary with accommodating more days.
- LI suggests to ensure sufficient time for the thematic review of the SDGs and the presentation of VNRs, in particular the interactive segment.

### **HLPF under GA (SDG summit)**

-In light of the numerous high-level meetings and summits during last year's high-level week, the SDG summit did not gain the political attention it should have gained. We would like to encourage to consider a different format and timing of the upcoming HLPF under the auspices of the GA in 2023 in order to step up efforts on all fronts to make the SDGs a success by 2030. We could think of Monday before the General Debate as an opportune moment.