



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

7 July 2020

Excellency,

I have the pleasure to transmit herewith a letter dated 7 July 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”.

In this regard, I have further the honour to share the final draft resolution on “Review process of the implementation of General Committee resolution 67/290 and 70/299 on the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the global level and resolution 72/305 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council”, which is now under silence procedure until Thursday, 9 July 2020 at 6 p.m. (New York time).

I would like to also take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation, and that of my Office, to the Co-facilitators for their able leadership in facilitating the consultations as well as to all delegations for their constructive engagement throughout the process despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. The spirit of cooperation to reach a consensual resolution is commendable.

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

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

Tijjani Muhammad-Bande

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



Permanent Mission of Georgia  
to the United Nations



Permanent Mission of the Republic  
of Benin to the United Nations

7 July 2020

Excellencies,

We are writing to you in our capacity as the co-facilitators for the intergovernmental negotiations for the review process of Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and the High-level Political Forum on sustainable development (HLPF).

Further to the last virtual informal consultations on 2 July 2020 during which we have tried to overcome the remaining challenges, we have the honor to share with you a final draft of the resolution entitled "Review process of the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 67/290 and 70/299 on the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the global level and resolution 72/305 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council".

We believe that the final draft has achieved the balance needed to be accepted by all and we would like to put it to the silence procedure until **6:00 pm on Thursday, 9 July 2020**.

We take this opportunity to express our gratitude to you for your active and constructive engagement throughout this process and count on your cooperation at this final stage.

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

Kaha Imnadze  
Permanent Representative of Georgia  
to the United Nations

Jean-Claude do Rego  
Permanent Representative of Benin  
to the United Nations

To: All Permanent Representatives  
And Permanent Observers of the United Nations  
New York

## Draft resolution

### **Review process of the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 67/290 and 70/299 on the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the global level and resolution 72/305 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council**

*The General Assembly,*

*PP1 Recalling* its resolutions 67/290 of 9 July 2013 entitled “Format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development“ and 70/299 of 29 July 2016 entitled “Follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the global level”;

*PP2 Recalling also* its 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” and all previous related resolutions on strengthening the Economic and Social Council;

*PP3 Reaffirming* its resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, and reaffirming our unwavering commitment to achieving this Agenda and utilizing it to the full to transform our world for the better by 2030;

*PP4 Reaffirming* further its resolution 74/4 of 15 October 2019 entitled “Political declaration of the high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the General Assembly” and the pledge to launch a decade of action and delivery for sustainable development;

*PP5 Recognizing* the threats to sustainable development, including to health, safety and well-being and to the world economy caused by the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, and its unprecedented effects, that require a coordinated response and global solidarity;

*PP6 Further recognizing* that the poorest and people living in vulnerable situations are the most affected and that the impact of the pandemic will have repercussions on sustainable development in all countries, especially in developing countries by hampering progress in the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);

*PP7 Stressing* that the current crisis is a reminder that the implementation of the 2030 Agenda is crucial to help better equip the world for future systemic shocks, and that the SDGs are a shared blueprint for building back better through a people-centred, inclusive, sustainable, resilient and green recovery, promoting economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development, while leaving no one behind;

1. *Recognizes* the role that the Charter of the United Nations and the General Assembly have vested in the Economic and Social Council as a principal organ for coordination, policy review, policy dialogue and recommendations on issues of economic and social development as well as for implementation of the international development goals agreed at the major UN conferences and summits in the economic, social, environmental and related fields and the central role, and effective and participatory character of the high-level political forum under the auspices of the General Assembly and ECOSOC in overseeing follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the global level working coherently with the

General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and other relevant organs and forums, in accordance with existing mandates;

2. *Invites* the President of the General Assembly to provide a space for relevant stakeholders to present inputs to the intergovernmental negotiations on the review of resolutions 72/305, on the strengthening of the ECOSOC, and 67/290 and 70/299, on the modalities of the HLPF and follow-up and -review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the global level;
3. *Decides*, to conduct, in conjunction, the reviews of General Assembly resolutions 72/305, on the review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 68/1 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council; resolution 67/290 on the format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development and resolution 70/299, on the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the global level, taking into account the provisions of the present resolution, during its 75<sup>th</sup> session;
4. *Decides* that the thematic focus of the Economic and Social Council for its 2021 session and the 2021 high-level political forum on sustainable development under the auspices of ECOSOC shall be “Sustainable, resilient and green recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, while promoting economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development: Building an inclusive and effective path for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda in the context of the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development;
5. *Also decides* that the high-level political forum for 2021 - based on the areas of acceleration: health and human well-being; sustainable, inclusive and resilient economies; and healthy nutrition patterns; - will without prejudice to the integrated, indivisible and interlinked nature of the SDGs, discuss the following set of goals in depth: 1, 2, 3, 8, 10, 12, 16 and 17;
6. *Decides* that the review will take into account the different and particular impact of the COVID-19 pandemic across all SDGs, consider progress in implementing the 2030 Agenda in its entirety and address the inter-linkages between Sustainable Development Goals, to promote integrated actions cutting across the three dimensions of sustainable development that can create co-benefits, address synergies and trade-offs, and meet multiple objectives in a coherent way, leaving no one behind;
7. *Decides* that the review will cover the targets of the Sustainable Development Goals with a 2020 timeline;
8. *Also decides* to define the theme of the Economic and Social Council, and that of the high-level political forum under the auspices of ECOSOC as well as the remaining Sustainable Development Goals to be reviewed in depth for the two outstanding years of the four-year HLPF cycle as soon as possible during its 75<sup>th</sup> session in a manner that ensures coherence over the 2020-2023 cycle and reflects the holistic nature of the 2030 Agenda;

9. *Further decides* to agree at its 77th session on the thematic review of progress for the next cycle of the forum, including the yearly sequence of themes and the set of goals to be reviewed at each session.