



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

12 August 2020

Excellency,

I have the pleasure to transmit herewith, a letter from H.E. Mrs. Milica Pejanović Đurišić, Permanent Representative of Montenegro and H.E. Mr. Collen Vixen Kelapile, Permanent Representative of Botswana, the co-facilitators leading the intergovernmental consultations on the alignment of the agendas of the General Assembly and ECOSOC and its subsidiary bodies, in accordance with relevant rules of procedure and in light of the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

As part of the intergovernmental consultations, the co-facilitators cordially invite delegations to the second informal Ambassadorial level meeting which will be held virtually via the Cisco WebEx platform, on Tuesday, 18 August 2020, at 10 a.m. The consultations will consider the draft input of the alignment process (See Annex I), prior to its transmittal through my Office to the co-chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly. Details pertaining to the virtual arrangements for the meeting will be circulated by the Secretariat in due course.

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

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

Tijjani Muhammad-Bande

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



PERMANENT MISSION OF MONTENEGRO AND PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA  
TO THE UNITED NATIONS

10 August, 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).

In this connection, we wish to refer to our first informal intergovernmental consultations, which was held on 17 February 2020, and to our subsequent letters dated 4 March 2020, 20 April 2020, 19 May 2020 and their attachments, as well as to the virtual informal meeting at expert level held on 28 May 2020. Subsequently, we held consultations with concerned delegations and prepared a draft input of the alignment process to the General Assembly draft resolution on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, as contained in Annex I to this letter, for consideration by delegations.

In this regard, we are pleased to invite delegations to the **second informal intergovernmental consultations to be held on 18 August, at 10 a.m. via WebEx** to consider this draft input of the alignment process (See Annex I), prior to its transmittal through the Office of the President of the General Assembly to the Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, H.E. Mrs. Martha Ama Akyaa Pobee, Permanent Representative of Ghana to the United Nations, and H.E. Mr. Michal Mlynár, Permanent Representative of Slovakia to the United Nations, for inclusion as part of the draft resolution of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly. Technical details on how to join this virtual meeting will be sent by the Secretariat in due course.

Additionally, at the end of the alignment process, we intend to submit a report of the co-facilitators on the work undertaken under this process during the seventy-fourth session to the President of the General Assembly.

We look forward to your continued engagement, in due time, in our pursuit of a cohesive coverage of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals.

We wish to take this opportunity to convey our profound solidarity with all countries and all those most directly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, and urge everyone to remain vigilant.

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



**Milica Pejanović-Đurišić**  
Permanent Representative of  
Montenegro to the United Nations



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

## **Annex I. Draft input of the alignment process to the General Assembly draft resolution on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly**

*Recalls* the Guidelines on the Rationalization of the Agenda of the General Assembly, as adopted in its resolution 48/264 of 29 July 1994 [Source: OP11 of A/RES/73/341];

*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<sup>1</sup>; [Source: OP12 of A/RES/73/341]

*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; [Source: OP13 of A/RES/73/341]

*Reiterates its request* to the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-fifth 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 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 Assembly, and on that basis, calls upon all of them to continue their consideration of addressing gaps, overlaps and duplication in their respective agendas as they relate to the 2030 Agenda as a whole, and in this regard requests them to make proposals available for discussion during the seventy-fourth session of the Assembly; [updated OP27 of A/RES/73/341].

*Decides* to build on the mapping assessment of the Sustainable Development Goals coverage developed during the seventy-third session of the General Assembly as an evolving reference document for the continued consideration of Member States during the seventy-fifth session of the Assembly, and also decides to build on the initial efforts made during the seventy-third session of the Assembly to develop possible criteria to identify gaps, overlaps and duplication where they are found to exist, with a view to continuing the work on agenda alignment with the aim of focusing the work of the Assembly more effectively and efficiently on the timely implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; [Updated OP28 of A/RES/73/341].

*Emphasizes* that the General Assembly and its Main Committees, at the seventy-fifth session, in consultation with Member States, should continue their consideration of and make concrete proposals for the further biennialization, triennialization, clustering and elimination of items on the agenda of the Assembly, including through the introduction of a sunset clause, with the clear consent of the sponsoring State or States, taking into account the relevant recommendations of the Ad Hoc Working Group, during the seventy-fifth session of the Assembly; [Updated OP29 of A/RES/73/341].

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<sup>1</sup> Resolution 70/1.