



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

20 August 2020

Excellency,

I have the pleasure to forward herewith, a letter 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 on the 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 thank delegations for their participation in the second informal consultations held on 18 August 2020. In their efforts to facilitate consensus among delegations, the co-facilitators will convene the third informal consultations at Ambassadorial level on Friday, 21 August 2020, at 10 a.m. via the Cisco WebEx virtual platform. Details related to the virtual arrangements for the meeting will be circulated by the Secretariat in due course.

For your kind reference, the co-facilitators re-attach the draft proposal shared previously, vide their letter of 12 August 2020, regarding input of the alignment process to the draft resolution on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly. The latest draft proposal includes the editorial update suggested during the second informal consultations on 18 August 2020. The co-facilitators also attach the proposal made by the Group of 77 and China during the last informal consultations.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tijjani Muhammad-Bande'.

Tijjani Muhammad-Bande

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



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

19 August 2020

Excellency,

We are writing to you in our capacity as Co-facilitators appointed by the President of the General Assembly to lead the intergovernmental consultations on the alignment process during the 74th session of the General Assembly. The President also referred to, in his letter, General Assembly Resolution 73/341 of 12 September 2019, entitled, "Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly", with specific reference to paragraphs 12, 27 and 28 regarding ongoing 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, in accordance with relevant rules of procedure and in the light of the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

We wish to thank you for your participation in the informal consultations on Tuesday, 18 August 2020. We invite delegations to join the informal consultations on Friday, 21 August 2020, at 10a.m. via the WebEx platform towards realizing common ground on the input of the alignment process into the work on the revitalization of the General Assembly. Details pertaining to the virtual arrangements for the meeting will be circulated by the Secretariat in due course.

We are re-attaching the proposed draft input into the draft resolution of the General Assembly on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, which we already sent to you previously in the annex to our letter of 12 August to inform our discussions on 18 August. The proposal includes an editorial update suggested during the last informal. We are also attaching the proposal made by the Group of 77 and China during the informal consultations yesterday.

We encourage delegations to reach out to one another to discuss possible agreed language for the outcome of the alignment process. We are available to assist in any way we can. We trust that the alignment process can pave the way to a concrete outcome.

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



Milica Pejanović-
Duričić
Permanent

Representative of
Montenegro to the United Nations



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

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

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 Development¹; [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-fifth 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].

¹ Resolution 70/1.

Annex II. Proposal by the Group of 77 and China

Proposal of the G77 and China for Updating OP28 of the Resolution on the Revitalization of the General Assembly (73/341)

~~Takes note with appreciation of the updated~~ 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 consideration of Member States during the seventy-fifth session of the Assembly, and also takes note of the initial efforts made during the seventy-third session of the 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 of focusing the work of the Assembly more effectively and efficiently on the timely implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;