



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

15 December 2020

Excellency,

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 15 December 2020 from H.E. Mr. Alexander Marschik, Permanent Representative of Austria and H.E. Mr. Cheikh Niang, Permanent Representative of Senegal, 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 74/298 of 12 August 2020 entitled “Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 67/290 on the high-level political forum on sustainable development, resolution 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 letter from the co-facilitators conveys their plan to begin the process of informal consultations with Member States in mid-January and finalize the negotiations by the end of March 2021. They will provide further details in early January 2021. I trust that you will extend your full support and cooperation to them throughout the process.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Volkan Bozkir'.

Volkan BOZKIR

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

 Permanent  
Mission  
of Austria

to the United Nations  
in New York



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Excellency,

We write to you in our capacity as co-facilitators of the intergovernmental negotiations related to General Assembly resolutions 74/298 on the review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 67/290 on the high-level political forum on sustainable development, 70/299 on the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the global level and 72/305 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council.

In its resolution 74/298 the General Assembly decided to conduct, in conjunction, the reviews of General Assembly resolutions [72/305](#), [67/290](#) on and [70/299](#), during its seventy-fifth session. We are honored by the decision of the President of the General Assembly to appoint us as co-facilitators of the intergovernmental negotiations related to this important review process and look forward to cooperating with you in an open, inclusive and transparent manner.

In this regard, we would like to share with you our intention to start the informal consultations and intergovernmental negotiations for the review early next year, so as to provide sufficient time for the full consideration of the issues related to the review and allow a timely completion of the negotiations so as not to compete with other important processes to take place in the second quarter of 2021.

Thus, our plan is to begin the process of informal consultations with Member States in mid-January and finalize the negotiations by the end of March 2021. We will provide you with further details in early January 2021.

We very much look forward to hearing your views and to working closely with you in the months ahead. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you would like to share ideas and views or if you have any questions regarding the process. We welcome your active engagement and we will strive to provide the best possible support for your deliberations.

We wish you a safe and successful end of the year and a restful holiday season.

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

Alexander Marschik  
Permanent Representative of Austria  
to the United Nations

Cheikh Niang  
Permanent Representative  
of the Republic of Senegal  
to the United Nations

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