Excellency,

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 18 January 2021 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”.

Further to correspondence circulated on 15 December 2020, the aforementioned letter conveys the date of the first virtual informal meeting to be convened on Monday, 25 January 2021 at 3:00 p.m. Connection details for the meeting will be provided by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management in a subsequent correspondence. 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.

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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 line with our letter sent to you on 15 December 2020, we would like to invite you to the first virtual informal meeting on the review process of the resolutions on the HLPF and ECOSOC that will take place on Monday, 25 January 2021 at 3:00 pm. The link to the meeting will be sent to you by the Secretariat in a forthcoming e-mail.

We would like to use this meeting for an open discussion where we would listen to your general views and ideas on the review in light of the discussions held last year, in order to prepare a more structured meeting with questions to discuss particular topics and issues at the beginning of February.

As underlined in our last letter, we will undertake the utmost to ensure that the process is completely open, transparent and inclusive. We expect the discussions and our work in the coming months to fully build on the negotiations on these issues during the 74th session of the General Assembly.

We wish you all the best for the New Year and look forward to your views and active engagement in the upcoming meeting.

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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