



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

28 June 2021

Excellency,

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 28 June 2021 from H.E. Mr. Sofiane Mimouni, Permanent Representative of Algeria and H.E. Mr. Martin Bille Hermann, Permanent Representative of Denmark, the co-facilitators appointed in relation to the Secretary-General's Report on the review of the functioning of the resident coordinator system and related intergovernmental consultation process, as required, pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 72/279 and 75/233 .

The aforementioned letter conveys that the co-facilitators will convene the third informal consultation on the revised zero-draft resolution (attached) on Thursday, 1 July 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall. 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', written in a cursive style.

Volkan BOZKIR

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New York



THE PERMANENT MISSION OF
ALGERIA
TO THE UNITED NATIONS



28 June 2021

Excellency,

We would like to thank Member States for their active engagement at our informal consultation held on 25 June 2021 on the zero draft resolution on the review of the functioning of the Resident Coordinator system. Based upon the proposals introduced and subsequently provided in written form, we are pleased to share with you the revised zero draft of the resolution.

In our revision of the zero draft resolution, we have kept as the guiding principle that it should respect the mandates as laid down in resolutions 72/279 and 75/233 on the QCPR. It implies that the resolution will not re-open discussions on any other agreed mandates and guidance to the United Nations development system as laid down comprehensively in these two resolutions. We remain committed to adhere to this principle and continue to count on Member States' support in this regard.

We also have the pleasure to invite you to the third informal consultation, which will be held on Thursday 1 July 2021 from 10:00 am to 1:00pm and again from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm in the General Assembly Hall. At the third informal consultation we intend to conduct a full second reading of the revised zero draft resolution.

In our reading of the revised zero draft resolution, we propose that we leave operational paragraph 3 on the Resident Coordinator System funding model, until we have concluded our reading on all other paragraphs. In order to enhance our discussions, we believe the time is right for engaging more forcefully on the funding model options at our disposal. To this end, we have incorporated language in the revised zero draft resolution, so that our collective deliberations have a concrete point of departure for establishing how Member States envision the generation of adequate, predictable and sustainable funding for the Resident Coordinator System. We ask Member States to come prepared for in-depth discussion on this key pillar of the functioning of the Resident Coordinator system.

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

Sofiane Mimouni
Permanent Representative of Algeria
to the United Nations

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Revised draft resolution
(version 28 June 2021)

75/XXX. Review of the functioning of the reinvigorated resident coordinator system, including its funding arrangement

The General Assembly,

PP1. *Reaffirming* its resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, its resolution 69/313 of 27 July 2015 on the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, and the Paris Agreement¹ as well as the outcome of major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social, environmental and related fields,

PP2. *Reaffirming further* its resolution 72/279 of 31 May 2018 on the repositioning of the United Nations development system in the context of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, resolution 74/297 of 13 August 2020 on progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 71/243 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, and resolution 75/233 of 30 December 2020 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review and its previous resolutions on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review, including resolution 71/243 of 21 December 2016, and other relevant General Assembly Resolutions,

PP3. *Noting with great concern* the threat to human health, safety and well-being caused by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, as well as the severe disruption to societies and economies and the devastating impact on lives and livelihoods, and that the poorest and most vulnerable are the hardest hit by the pandemic, reaffirming the ambition to get back on track to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals by designing sustainable and inclusive recovery strategies to accelerate progress towards the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda, to help to reduce the risk of future shocks and strengthen resilience to the impacts of future crises, recognizing that the COVID-19 pandemic requires a global response based on unity, solidarity and renewed multilateral cooperation,

PP4. *Recognizing* the critical enabling role played by the Resident Coordinator system to facilitate a rapid, coherent, and effective response by the United Nations development system, in particular at the country level by United Nations Country Teams under the leadership of Resident Coordinators, in support of national efforts to address the immediate health, humanitarian, and socio-economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Secretary-General on the “Review of the functioning of the Resident Coordinator system: rising to the challenge and keeping the promise of the 2030 Agenda”,² and *expresses appreciation for* the inclusive consultation process led by the Secretary-General and the Deputy Secretary-General, regarding the objectives and content of the review to assess progress made and identify areas where further action is needed;

2. *Welcomes* the progress made in implementing the mandates of resolution 72/279 on the repositioning of the United Nations development system and in creating an empowered, independent, and impartial Resident Coordinator system, and recognizes that further efforts are needed to maximize the contribution of the UN development system to respond to the challenges of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and a better recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic that will accelerate SDG implementation in the Decade of Action, in accordance with national development policies, plans, priorities and needs;

¹ See [FCCC/CP/2015/10/Add.1](#), decision 1/CP.21, annex.

² A/75/xx, Adv unedited version 7 June 2021

3. *Recognizes* that adequate or predictable levels of resources for the resident coordinator system has not been successfully generated, and reemphasizes that adequate, predictable and sustainable funding of the resident coordinator system is essential to delivering a coherent, effective, efficient and accountable response in accordance with national needs and priorities, and in this regard decides to provide sufficient funding in line with the budget outlined in the report of the Secretary-General³, on an annual basis starting from 1 January 2022, through:

[Assessed contributions through the regular budget;

OR

- (a) A 1 per cent coordination levy on tightly earmarked third-party⁴ non-core contributions to United Nations development-related activities, to be paid at source;
- (b) Maintaining the current cost-sharing arrangement among United Nations development system entities;
- (c) Assessed contributions through the regular budget;]

4. *Welcomes* the efficiency gains achieved so far by the United Nations development system, stresses the need for the United Nations development system to inter alia further improve the implementation of harmonized business practices in order to optimize opportunities for collaboration, to redeploy efficiency gains for development activities, including coordination, and urges all entities of the United Nations development system to strengthen their reporting processes on efficiency gains and to include information on efficiency gains achieved in their annual reporting to their governing bodies;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that Resident Coordinators receive in an ongoing manner the necessary training and support to acquire the skills and knowledge needed to effectively exercise the leadership role envisaged for them, and also requests the Secretary-General to have an updated and rolling pool of possible resident coordinator candidates with adequate, diverse and relevant expertise and skill sets and to take further measures to ensure geographical representation among the Resident Coordinators, with a view to improving representation of developing countries, and ensure gender balance, while recalling the principles that the highest standards of efficiency, competence, impartiality, and integrity are the paramount considerations in the recruitment and performance of international civil servants;

6. *Urges* the entities of the United Nations development system to promote inter-agency mobility, including the Resident Coordinator function as a career path for their staff, and facilitate a mobile and flexible global workforce;

7. *Requests* the United Nations development system to ensure full adherence to a clear, matrixed, dual reporting and accountability model as defined in resolution 72/279;

8. *Further requests* the Chair of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group to provide adequate information and tools to the governing bodies of the United Nations development system entities to facilitate their oversight role, including monitoring alignment and entity adherence to the dual accountability model;

9. Takes note of progress made in providing annual United Nations Country Team country reports to programme countries on the implementation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework or equivalent planning framework, urges the entities of the United Nations development system, as appropriate, to invest in and fully utilize the common UN-INFO reporting platform to support analysis of

³ A/75/xx, Adv unedited version 7 June 2021

⁴ The levy would not be charged on local government cost-sharing and cooperation among programme countries.

system-wide results and requests the Secretary-General, in line with the provisions of resolutions 72/279 and 75/233, to ensure all Resident Coordinators and UN country teams present the results reports annually to their respective programme countries in a consistent and timely manner to ensure accountability and to make these reports publicly available, with the consent of the respective Governments;

10. *Takes note* of the progress made thus far in the fulfillment of the funding compact commitments by all parties, noting its voluntary nature, and urges the full implementation by Member States and UN entities of commitments made in the Funding Compact;

11. *Takes note* of the proposal of the Secretary-General on repurposing and recalibrating the Pledging Conference for Development Activities, and looks forward to the outcome of the ongoing consultation process;

12. *Recognizes* the rapid, coherent and effective response from United Nations Country Teams, under the leadership of Resident Coordinators, to the COVID-19 pandemic, including the leading role of the WHO on the health response and of UNDP on the socioeconomic response and recovery efforts, calls upon all entities of the United Nations development system, in line with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 75/233, to integrate UN socioeconomic response plans into UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks that support national sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery efforts for accelerated SDG implementation and building back better in the Decade of Action, including by fully leveraging the entire United Nations development system, including through the integrator function of UNDP for the provision by United Nations Country Teams of coherent and integrated policy and programming support, and catalyzing partnerships at the country level including with International Financial Institutions and the private sector;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report on the progress made in the implementation of the mandates contained in the present resolution and the mandates contained in resolution 75/233, as part of his annual reporting to the Economic and Social Council at the operational activities for development segment and to the General Assembly on the progress in implementation of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review;
