



15 June 2021

Excellency,

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 14 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.

Further to the correspondence circulated on 7 June 2021, the aforementioned letter conveys that the co-facilitators will convene the first informal consultation on the zero-draft resolution (attached) on Friday, 17 June 2021 at 3 p.m. Connections details will be provided in due course. 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, which appears to read "Volkan Bozkir", is shown above the printed name.

Volkan BOZKIR

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THE PERMANENT MISSION OF ALGERIA
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PERMANENT MISSION OF
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14 June 2021

Excellency,

We are pleased to write to you in our capacity as co-facilitators appointed by the President of the General Assembly for the resolution on the review of the functioning of the Resident Coordinator system.

We would like to thank you for the written inputs as provided for our consideration. Based on the recommendations presented by the Secretary-General in his report entitled "Review of the functioning of the Resident Coordinator system: rising to the challenge and keeping the promise of the 2030 Agenda" and these early inputs, we are hereby pleased to share with you the zero draft of the resolution, in accordance with the schedule we set out in our letter of 7 May 2021.

We also have the pleasure to invite you to the first informal consultations, which will be held virtually on June 17 from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. We would like to take this opportunity to remind Member States that the purpose of this resolution is to review the functioning of the reinvigorated Resident Coordinator system, including its structure, performance and funding arrangement. As co-facilitators, we are committed to not reopening discussions that have been agreed upon in the context of General Assembly resolution 72/279, General Assembly resolution 75/333 and other related resolutions. In order to ensure a focused and fruitful discussion, we therefore kindly ask you to focus your interventions on the recommendations presented by the Secretary-General in the aforementioned report. In particular, we hope to seek your early guidance on the recommendation regarding the funding of the Resident Coordinator system.

There is no established list of speakers for the first informal consultations. The time limits for statements will be five minutes for statements delivered on behalf of a group of States and three minutes for individual delegations. We kindly ask all delegations to strictly adhere to these time limits. Once all delegations have had the chance to speak, we will open up for additional interventions in an interactive dialogue among Member States. All delegations are encouraged to submit the full-length version of their statement to the Secretariat at qcpr@un.org and pranav.shivanna@un.org

We are committed to an open, inclusive and transparent process and count on the support and active and constructive engagement of all Member States. We stand available to meet with Member States throughout the process, and encourage you to reach out to us at your convenience.

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

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to the United Nations

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Zero draft resolution

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

The General Assembly,

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,

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,

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 and to help to reduce the risk of future shocks, recognizing that the COVID-19 pandemic requires a global response based on unity, solidarity and renewed multilateral cooperation, and recognizing the critical role played by the Resident Coordinators system to facilitate a rapid, coherent, and effective response by the UNDS to 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 transparent and inclusive consultation process held 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 reforms mandated in resolution 72/279 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;

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

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

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

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:

[Placeholder – pending further discussions and consultations among Member States on options presented by the Secretary-General in his report]

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 in an ongoing manner that Resident Coordinators receive the necessary training and support to acquire the skills and knowledge needed to effectively exercise their leadership role, 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 and their teams, with a view to ensure equal and fair distribution based on gender balance and on as wide a geographical basis as possible while recalling the principles that the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity are the paramount considerations in the recruitment and performance of international civil servants;

6. *Requests* the United Nations development system and the members of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group to ensure full adherence to a clear, matrixed, dual reporting model as defined in resolution 72/279;

7. *Further requests* the Chair of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group to provide adequate information and tools to the Executive Boards and governing bodies of the entities of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group to facilitate their important oversight role on this matter, within their respective mandates, and calls upon all Member States in the relevant governing bodies of United Nations development system entities to utilize their oversight role to monitor alignment and entity adherence to the dual accountability model from the global level to the country level;

8. *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, encourages the entities of the United Nations development system to invest in and fully utilize the common UN-INFO reporting platform to support analysis of system-wide results, and requests the Secretary-General, in line with the provisions of resolution 72/279, to ensure all Resident Coordinators and UN country teams present the results reports annually to all programme countries;

9. *Takes note* of the progress made thus far in the fulfillment of the funding compact commitments by all parties, urges the full implementation by Member States and UN entities of commitments made in the Funding Compact, including the reduction of tightly earmarked voluntary funding contributions to UN entities, and increasing the level of contributions to joint funds, including the Joint SDG Fund; takes note in this regard of the proposal of the Secretary-General on repurposing and recalibrating the Pledging Conference for Development Activities, and decides to [awaiting Member States guidance];

10. *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 technical lead role 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 gradually transition

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from UN socioeconomic response plans to 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 integrator function of UNDP and catalysing partnerships;

11. *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.
