



30 July 2021

Excellency,

I have the honour to transmit herewith, a letter from H.E. Mr. Julio Arriola, Permanent Representative of Paraguay to the United Nations attaching a revised version of the draft decision on possible alternatives to strengthen the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Volkan Bozkir", is written above the printed name.

Volkan BOZKIR

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



**Permanent Mission of Paraguay
to the United Nations**

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Excellency,

I thank you for your active involvement and constructive engagement in the first informal consultation on the zero-draft decision on possible alternatives to strengthen the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities. I am pleased to share a revised version of the draft decision, based on the valuable inputs shared.

Please note that the second informal consultation will take place virtually on **September 1, 2021, at 3:00 p.m.**

I welcome and count on your support to reach an agreement on the text of the draft decision during this informal consultation.

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



Ambassador Julio Arriola
Permanent Representative of Paraguay
to the United Nations

The circular stamp contains the text 'MISION PERMANENTE DE LA REPUBLICA DEL PARAGUAY ANTE LAS NACIONES UNIDAS' around the perimeter and 'REPUBLICA DEL PARAGUAY' in the center, with a star in the middle.

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

United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities

The General Assembly, reaffirming the importance of the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities; recalling its resolution 45/215 of 21 December 1990 on the administrative arrangements for the Conference; recognizing the need to improve funding practices to make voluntary funding more predictable, transparent, flexible, effective and efficient, less earmarked and better aligned with the national priorities and plans of programme countries, as reflected in the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework, as well as with the strategic plans and mandates of United Nations funds, programmes and specialized agencies, in order to enable the United Nations development system to work at all levels in a coherent, coordinated, efficient and, where appropriate, integrated manner, reducing duplication and increasing impact; and noting the call made in the report of the Secretary-General on the review of the functioning of the resident coordinator system¹ to consider repurposing and recalibrating the Conference:

- (a) Decides to include in the scope of the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities all United Nations funds, programmes and specialized agencies engaged in operational activities for development, including the members of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group, as well as system-wide activities around collective results, whether at the global, regional or country level;
- (b) Also decides to convene the Conference on an annual basis and within existing resources shortly after the operational activities for development segment of the Economic and Social Council session, in order to be informed by the discussions;
- (c) Urges the United Nations development system entities to continue to enhance the visibility of Member States' contributions, including those to core resources and pooled funds, and related results;
- (d) Urges Member States to consider increasing their contributions to the United Nations development system activities.