



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

7 September 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, informing that the silence procedure on the final draft decision on possible alternatives to strengthen the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities has successfully concluded without objections.

I take this opportunity to inform delegations that this draft decision will be included for consideration of the General Assembly plenary meeting to take place on Thursday, 9 September 2021 at 3 p.m.

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 Paraguay  
to the United Nations**

7 September 2021

Excellency,

In my capacity as facilitator of the intergovernmental consultations on the decision on possible alternatives to strengthen the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities, I have the honour to inform you that the silence procedure has successfully concluded without objection today, 7 September 2021, at 12:00 p.m.

In addition, I greatly welcome it if your Office could ensure that the necessary procedures are followed in order for this decision to be adopted. I remain fully committed to assist in ensuring that these intergovernmental consultations are concluded in a timely and fruitful manner.

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



**Julio Arriola**  
**Ambassador and Permanent Representative of**  
**Paraguay to the United Nations**

To His Excellency  
Mr. Volkan Bozkir  
President of the 75<sup>th</sup> General Assembly  
United Nations

## **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 system<sup>1</sup> 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 shortly after the operational activities for development segment of the Economic and Social Council session, in order to be informed by the discussions, within existing resources and seeking additional funding through voluntary contributions, as necessary;

(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.

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<sup>1</sup> A/75/905.