



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

10 September 2021

Excellency,

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 9 September 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 I 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.

In the aforementioned letter, the co-facilitators inform of the results of the informal consultations on 8 September, concluding that additional time would be required to reach consensus and finalize this process.

I take this opportunity to express my appreciation to Ambassador Mimouni and Ambassador Hermann for their able stewardship of this important negotiation. A revitalized United Nations development system, with a reinvigorated Resident Coordinator System at its core, is important for the success of COVID-19 recoveries and the Decade of Action. I believe the current work of the co-facilitators have set a strong foundation that will allow the consultations to successfully conclude in the coming months.

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

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Volkan BOZKIR

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



THE PERMANENT MISSION OF ALGERIA
TO THE UNITED NATIONS



PERMANENT MISSION OF
DENMARK TO THE UN

9 September 2021

Excellency,

In our capacity as co-facilitators for the resolution on the review of the functioning of the Resident Coordinator system, we write to inform you that we have managed to make significant progress on several fronts in our discussions with Member States over the course of our informal consultations undertaken between June and September 2021.

Throughout the process, we have continued to be encouraged by the fact that there was strong support from Member States to our proposed approach and role as co-facilitators. We are grateful for the support expressed by Member States and the mandate bestowed to us by you as the President of the General Assembly.

However, during our consultations, we have also noted diverging views among Member States on one crucial issue in particular – the question of the funding model underpinning the reinvigorated Resident Coordinator system. Whereas all delegations expressed their agreement to the fact that it was essential for the Resident Coordinator system to be supported by adequate, predictable and sustainable funding during our consultations, it was less clear whether a consensus could be found on a concrete funding model, different from the current one in place, which could deliver and operationalise this collective vision.

At our last informal consultation, undertaken on 8 September 2021, we noted that positions among a number of delegations remained unchanged on this important aspect of the review of the functioning of the Resident Coordinator system. In light of this, it is our joint assessment that the only proposal that ultimately can enjoy a consensus among Member States would be a proposal that base itself upon continuing with the current funding model and funding stream components in place today.

Based upon this assessment, we also informed Member States on 8 September that we did not see sufficient time available within the current session of the General Assembly to continue and finalize these consultations in an orderly fashion, as the session is in its final stages.

We therefore believe that informal consultations will need to continue during the 76th session of the General Assembly. If called upon by the incoming President of the 76th session of the General Assembly, we have agreed that we will continue to make ourselves available as co-facilitators for this intergovernmental review process, but with the aim of concluding the informal consultations as early as possible during the 76th session – preferably no later than mid-October.

We want to extend to you and the team of your good offices our sincere appreciation for the most valuable support extended to us and our teams in taking the informal consultations on this important resolution forward during the 75th session of the General Assembly.

The President of the General Assembly
United Nations
New York

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

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Sofiane Mimouni
Permanent Representative of Algeria
to the United Nations

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Martin Bille Hermann
Permanent Representative of Denmark
to the United Nations