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**Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 75/290A on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council**

**Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 75/290 B on the format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development and the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the global level**

**A. Economic and Social Council**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* the Charter of the United Nations, which provides the mandate for the Economic and Social Council,

*Reaffirming* its resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, in which it adopted a comprehensive, far-reaching and people-centred set of universal and transformative Sustainable Development Goals and targets,

*Recalling* that the 2030 Agenda is guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, including full respect for international law, is grounded in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights<sup>1</sup> and international human rights treaties, the United Nations Millennium Declaration<sup>2</sup> and the 2005 World Summit Outcome,<sup>3</sup> and is informed by other instruments such as the Declaration on the Right to Development,<sup>4</sup>

*Recalling also* its resolution 75/290 A of 28 June 2021, entitled “Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 72/305 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council”, and all previous related resolutions on strengthening the Economic and Social Council,

*Reaffirming* its resolution 69/313 of 27 July 2015 on the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, which is an integral part of the 2030 Agenda, supports and complements it, helps to contextualize its means of implementation targets with concrete policies and actions and reaffirms the strong political commitment to address the challenge of financing and creating an enabling environment at all levels for sustainable development in the spirit of global partnership and solidarity,

*Looking forward* to the Summit of the Future in 2024, including its outcome document entitled “A Pact for the Future”, as an important opportunity to, inter alia, accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and its SDGs.

1. *Reaffirms* the role that the Charter of the United Nations and the General Assembly have vested in the Economic and Social Council;
2. *Reaffirms also* the commitment to strengthen the work of the Economic and Social Council as a principal organ for coordination, policy review, policy dialogue and recommendations on issues of

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<sup>1</sup> Resolution 217 A (III).

<sup>2</sup> Resolution 55/1.

<sup>3</sup> Resolution 60/1.

<sup>4</sup> Resolution 41/128, annex.

economic and social development, and also recognizes the key role of the Council in achieving a balanced integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development;

3. *Reaffirms* further the commitment to reinforce the deliberative function of the Economic and Social Council, with an emphasis on accountability, knowledge-sharing and mutual learning for better results, so that it best supports the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the integrated and coordinated follow-up to the major United Nations conferences and summits;
4. *Notes* that the Economic and Social Council is a Charter body of the United Nations and that the high-level political forum on sustainable development is held under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly;
5. *Declares* that the Economic and Social Council and the high-level political forum on sustainable development should be closely coordinated, in accordance with their respective roles and mandates, to ensure that their interconnected and interlinked work is coherent and mutually reinforcing in supporting the accelerated implementation of the 2030 Agenda from now to the year 2030;
6. *Calls on the* President and Bureau of ECOSOC to consider ways of enhancing the effectiveness, efficiency and coordination of the Economic and Social Council and the high-level political forum, including by improving synergies between their meetings and segments, as well as with the multilateral system;
7. *Adopts* the annex to the present resolution on the review of the Economic and Social Council, and calls upon the Council, its subsidiary bodies and other relevant bodies and platforms of the United Nations system to implement the provisions contained therein in an expeditious manner;
8. *Decides* that the arrangements contained in the present resolution and its annex shall be reviewed at its eighty-second session, in conjunction with the review of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, in order to benefit from lessons learned from the previous cycles of the high-level political forum as well as from relevant processes under the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council related to the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda;
9. *Reiterates* its decision that the review of the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council at subsequent review cycles shall be in conjunction with the review process of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, while recognizing their distinct roles and mandates;
10. *Decides* that all mandates contained in resolution 75/290 A and all previous related resolutions on strengthening the Economic and Social Council shall remain in effect unless updated or replaced in the present resolution or subsequent resolutions of the General Assembly and that the mandates contained in the present resolution and its annex should be implemented starting with the 2025 session of the Council and its preparations.

## **Annex**

### **Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 75/290 A**

1. In accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, the Economic and Social Council should continue to strengthen its leadership and policy guidance role, and its role as the central mechanism for coordination of the activities of the United Nations development system and its specialized agencies and supervision of its subsidiary bodies while integrating their analysis throughout its segments. It should also address new and emerging issues in the economic, social, environmental and related fields and provide overall support for a balanced integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development.
2. The Economic and Social Council cycle will continue to run from July to July. The current structure of the Council segments and forums shall remain in place. The Council segments and forums will continue to discharge the functions provided for in all mandates contained in resolution 75/290 A and all previous related resolutions on strengthening the Economic and Social Council. The current arrangements for the adoption of the main theme for the Economic and Social Council and the high-level political forum, as well as the themes of the segments of the Council, shall remain unchanged.

3. The working modalities of the Economic and Social Council should be guided by the principles of inclusiveness, transparency and flexibility based on the deliberative functions of its meetings. It should be a platform for discussion and the exchange of national experiences. The Council should aim at creating synergy and coherence as well as avoiding duplication and overlap in its work to ensure efficiency and effectiveness.
4. In supporting the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and delivering on its other functions, the Economic and Social Council should work towards the eradication of poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, as the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development. The Council should also further strengthen its efforts to mainstream a gender perspective across its agenda, work programme, meetings and documentation.
5. In implementing ECOSOC decision 2022/334 on the Review of the functional commissions and expert bodies of the Economic and Social Council, the President and Bureau of the Council, the Chairs and bureaux of the functional commissions and expert bodies of the Council, all Member States and the Secretariat are invited to further implement, to the extent possible within existing mandates and resources, the recommendations contained in the summary of the Vice-President of the Council on the review of the functional commissions and expert bodies of the Council, as contained in the letter dated 27 May 2022 from the Vice-President addressed to all Member States. In this regard, the President and Bureau of the Council are invited to review the implementation of decision 2022/334 at its 2026 session and propose further recommendations, as appropriate, in consultation with Member States.
6. To strengthen the Economic and Social Council's leadership and policy guidance role, the President and Bureau of the Economic and Social Council are requested to convene an informal working group, composed of a subset of ECOSOC members with balanced regional representation, meeting at least twice per year in an informal format, to consider in depth the reports of the executive boards of United Nations funds and programmes and evaluation reports, including the report of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group System-Wide Evaluation Office, with a view to identifying key issues arising from them and developing proposals and recommendations for follow-up for the consideration of the Council at relevant meetings and segments.
7. The President and Bureau of the Economic and Social Council are requested to explore ways to strengthen Member States' engagement in its various segments and forums, including through deepening and promoting further dialogue with the international financial institutions and multilateral development banks.
8. The Economic and Social Council segments and its reports, work programmes and outcomes should continue to give adequate attention to the special challenges facing the most vulnerable countries and, in particular, African countries, least developed countries, landlocked developing countries, small island developing States and countries in conflict and post-conflict situations, as well as the specific challenges facing middle income countries, in pursuing sustainable development. The reports of the Secretary General should continue to adequately address the diverse needs and specific challenges facing these developing countries, as appropriate.
9. The Secretary-General is requested to submit, to the Economic and Social Council at its 2025 session, a report on internal displacement, including possible proposals for consideration by the Council.
10. The Economic and Social Council should continue to strengthen its cooperation and dialogue with the Peacebuilding Commission, in accordance with their respective mandates. The President of the Council and the Chair of the Commission are encouraged to explore ways to improve the annual joint meetings of the two bodies and reinforce their impact on the situation at the country level.
11. The engagement of civil society and relevant stakeholders in the Economic and Social Council should continue to be arranged in accordance with paragraphs 19, 20 and 21 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 72/305.
12. While retaining its intergovernmental nature, the Economic and Social Council should seek to promote the active participation of international and regional organizations, members of parliaments, academia,

scientists, non-governmental organizations, local governments, the private sector, women, youth and major groups and other stakeholders, in activities of the Council and its functional and regional commissions and other subsidiary bodies, in accordance with the provisions of their respective rules of procedure and the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 67/290 and 72/305.

## **Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 75/290A on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council**

### **Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 75/290 B on the format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development and the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the global level**

#### **B. High-level political forum on sustainable development**

*The General Assembly,*

*Reaffirming* its resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, in which it adopted a comprehensive, far-reaching and people-centred set of universal and transformative Sustainable Development Goals and targets,

*Recalling* its resolutions 75/290 A and B of 28 June 2021, entitled “Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 72/305 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council” and “Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 67/290 on the format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development and 70/299 on the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the global level”,

*Reaffirming* its resolution 78/1 of 29 September 2023, entitled “Political declaration of the high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the General Assembly”, and its reaffirmation of its commitment to effectively implement the 2030 Agenda and its SDGs and uphold all principles enshrined in it,

*Reaffirming* also further its resolution 69/313 of 27 July 2015 on the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, which is an integral part of the 2030 Agenda, supports and complements it, helps to contextualize its means of implementation targets with concrete policies and actions and reaffirms the strong political commitment to address the challenge of financing and creating an enabling environment at all levels for sustainable development in the spirit of global partnership and solidarity,

1. *Reaffirms* its commitment to multilateral action and SDG Acceleration while addressing current interlinked global crises, enhancing the integrated approach to the SDGs, and adhering to the principle of leaving no one behind and while emphasizing that eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is an indispensable requirement for sustainable development;
2. *Reaffirms also* the central role of the high-level political forum in overseeing a network of follow-up and review processes of the 2030 Agenda at the global level, working coherently with the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and other relevant organs and forums, in accordance with existing mandates;
3. *Notes* that the Economic and Social Council is a Charter body of the United Nations and that the high-level political forum on sustainable development is held under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly;
4. *Declares* that the Economic and Social Council and the high-level political forum on sustainable development should be closely coordinated, in accordance with their respective roles and mandates, to ensure that their interconnected and interlinked work is coherent and mutually reinforcing in supporting the accelerated implementation of the 2030 Agenda from now to the year 2030;

5. *Decides* to continue to fully implement all the provisions contained in resolutions 75/290 A and B to ensure coordination and coherence to adequately support ECOSOC and the HLPF in the coordinated follow-up and implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the achievement of the SDGs;
6. *Calls on the* President and Bureau of ECOSOC to consider ways of enhancing the effectiveness, efficiency and coordination of the Economic and Social Council and the high-level political forum, including by improving synergies between their meetings and segments, as well as with the multilateral system;
7. *Adopts* the annex to the present resolution on the review of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, and calls upon the Economic and Social Council and relevant bodies and platforms of the United Nations system to implement the provisions contained therein;
8. *Decides* that the arrangements contained in the present resolution and its annex shall be reviewed at its eighty-second session, in conjunction with the review of the Economic and Social Council, in order to benefit from lessons learned from the previous cycles of the high-level political forum on sustainable development as well as from relevant processes under the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council related to the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda;
9. *Decides* also to consider at its eighty-first session the annual theme of the 2028 session of the Economic and Social Council and the 2028 high-level political forum on sustainable development and the set of Goals to be reviewed by the high-level political forum in 2028, without prejudice to the full review of the Council and the high-level political forum to be conducted in conjunction with each other at the eighty-second session;
10. *Decides further* that all mandates contained in resolutions 75/290 A and B shall remain in effect unless updated or replaced in the present resolution or subsequent resolutions of the General Assembly and that the mandates contained in the present resolution and its annex should be implemented starting with the 2025 high-level political forum on sustainable development and its preparations.

## **Annex**

### **Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 75/290 B**

1. The high-level political forum on sustainable development, consistent with its universal intergovernmental character, shall provide political leadership, guidance and recommendations for sustainable development, follow-up and review progress in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, mobilizing bold, ambitious, accelerated, just and transformative actions to implement the 2030 Agenda and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and ensuring the appropriate consideration of new and emerging challenges.
2. In accordance with the political declaration of the Sustainable Development Goals Summit (high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the General Assembly), held on 18 and 19 September 2023, the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda at the global level should be further strengthened, harnessing data to track progress in implementing Sustainable Development Goals and targets, strengthening analysis of the interlinkages across the Goals and targets, including policy implications of their synergies and trade-offs.
3. The principles established in the 2030 Agenda for guiding follow-up and review processes at all levels, including those set out in paragraph 74 of the Agenda, should continue to be implemented at all levels.
4. The high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council, without prejudice to the integrated, indivisible and interlinked nature of the Sustainable Development Goals, shall continue to review a set of Goals and their interlinkages, including with other Goals, at each session, representing the three dimensions of sustainable

development, with a view to facilitating an in-depth review of progress made on all 17 Goals over the course of its four-year cycle. Means of implementation, including with respect to Goal 17, shall be reviewed annually, including based on the outcome of the Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up.

5. For the remainder of the current cycle of the high-level political forum, it is critical that the themes advance the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. The themes shall be:
  - a. For 2025: Advancing sustainable and inclusive solutions for leaving no one behind;
  - b. For 2026: Transformative actions for a sustainable future for all; and
  - c. For 2027: Scaling up transitions for the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda
6. For the remainder of the current cycle of the high-level political forum convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council, the sets of Sustainable Development Goals to be reviewed in-depth shall be:
  - a. For 2025: Goals 3, 5, 10, 14 and 17;
  - b. For 2026: Goals 6, 7, 9, 11 and 17; and
  - c. For 2027: Goals 4, 8, 12, 15 and 17.
7. The high-level political forum should consider the annual report of the ECOSOC Committee for Development Policy.
8. The high-level political forum should continue to integrate into its programme consideration of the regional dimension of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, through the attention given to the outcomes of the regional forums in its proceedings and ministerial declaration, as well as inputs from the regional commissions and other regional and subregional entities.
9. Countries presenting voluntary national reviews are encouraged to report on their progress in implementing the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals, consistent with the provisions of the 2030 Agenda and resolution 67/290. While bearing in mind the voluntary and country-led nature of voluntary national reviews, countries are encouraged to share good practices and experiences, including successes, challenges, gaps, and lessons learned, as well as next steps. Countries are also encouraged to make full use of opportunities for peer learning and collaboration through increased focus on challenges and gaps and the need to identify resources to address them.
10. Countries preparing voluntary national reviews are also encouraged to include in the reviews progress in the local implementation of the 2030 Agenda, including through local reviews of progress. Countries are encouraged to make better use of data in the preparation of their reviews, to strengthen the consideration of progress, obstacles, and lessons learned. Follow-up to the reviews should be more systematic, with greater involvement of the Resident Coordinators and the United Nations system, where applicable.
11. Countries are further encouraged to enhance the analytical approach to their reviews, including by strengthening the evidence, science, evaluation and data basis for their voluntary national reviews, which may require enhanced national statistical capacities to address the gaps in data on the 2030 Agenda, support should be provided for building such capacities in developing countries. The United Nations system is encouraged to continue providing capacity development support to developing countries to assist them in the preparation of their VNRs.
12. Countries are encouraged to continue enhancing the interaction of the reviews at the high-level political forum. In this regard, appreciation is expressed for the work of the Group of Friends of the Voluntary National Reviews, currently co-chaired by Morocco and the Philippines, for its ongoing work, and encourage the Group to continue supporting the Voluntary National Review preparation process.

13. While reaffirming the voluntary nature of the voluntary national reviews, countries are encouraged to conduct a review once during the four-year cycle of the high-level political forum at their convenience, including countries in special situations. Countries that have not yet conducted a voluntary national review are encouraged to do so, bearing in mind their capacities and national circumstances. In establishing the list of countries presenting reviews at the high-level political forum, the President of the Council is invited to give priority to countries that have conducted two reviews or fewer.
14. The President of the Economic and Social Council and the Bureau of the Council shall consider ways to allocate as much time as possible to the voluntary national reviews during the high-level political forum in order to strengthen interaction, substantive discussion and enhanced peer-to-peer learning, coordination and exchange.
15. While respecting its universal intergovernmental character, the high-level political forum will continue to involve Governments, as well as the United Nations system and other international and regional organizations, parliamentarians, local governments, women, children and youth, persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples, civil society, non-governmental organizations, business and the private sector, and the scientific and academic community and other major groups and relevant stakeholders.