

Meeting between the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Economic and Social Council

Wednesday, 10 July 2024 at 4.30 pm, PGA's Office

United Nations Headquarters, New York

Summary

On 10 July 2024, H.E. Ms. Paula Narváez and H.E. Mr. Dennis Francis held their sixth and last monthly coordination meeting in their respective capacities as the President of the Economic and Social Council and the President of the General Assembly, in line with the General Assembly resolution 77/335 and the previous practice.

They discussed the upcoming work of the relevant Main Organs of the United Nations, focusing on the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) and other upcoming Summit of the Future.

High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF)

The PECOSOC informed the PGA of the positive start of this year's HLPF, which convenes from 8 to 17 July 2024. PECOSOC lauded the fact that more and more Member States have youth representatives included in their delegations, as a step in the right direction. She also commended H.E. Merete Fjeld Brattested and H. E. Jose Blanco, Permanent Representatives of Norway and the Dominican Republic, as co-facilitators of the HLPF and ECOSOC High-level segment ministerial declaration, whose work resulted in a very substantial document. The PGA confirmed his participation at the opening of the HLPF ministerial segment, emphasizing the importance of this year's theme of "Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda and eradicating poverty in times of multiple crises: the effective delivery of sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions". Both agreed that Sustainable Development Goal 1 is the enabler for other SDGs and implementation of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development as a whole remains a priority.

Situation in Haiti

The Presidents discussed the current situation in Haiti. Accordingly, the PECOSOC informed the PGA about the participation of and a statement by H.E. Robert Rae, Permanent Representative of Canada as Chair of the ECOSOC Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti, at the UN Security Council briefing on BINUH on 3 July 2024. In his statement, H.E. expressed support for the transition government and the UN Office in Haiti. On the same day, PECOSOC met with the Haitian Prime Minister Mr. Garry Conille, who appealed for continued

international support. It was important to see the high representative of Haiti in the UN. Both Presidents agreed that it is crucial to keep the discussion on Haiti high on the UN's agenda.

PGA's official visits overseas

Among other things, the PGA informed about his recent official visits, including to Cuba and Ukraine.

He expressed concern regarding the impact of the economic blockade on Cuba's ability to implement the Sustainable Development Goals. Both reflected on the micropolitical and geopolitical aspects of the situation in Cuba.

The President of the General Assembly also cautioned about the worrying situation in Ukraine, which he witnessed on the ground, both in Kiev and in Bucha. He expressed that energy supply is anticipated to be especially problematic in the second half of the year.

Conclusion

In concluding, PECOSOC indicated her satisfaction with having accomplished the main priorities of her presidency, with the support of the ECOSOC Bureau. Among these, she mentioned the ECOSOC Special Meetings held in Santiago, Chile and at UNHQ, New York, in addition to completing the full programme of work of the Council.

The meeting ended with the two Presidents expressing gratitude to each other and their teams for the excellent cooperation throughout the past year and committing to remain in close collaboration.
