Excellencies,

We write to you in our capacity as co-facilitators of the intergovernmental process to review the arrangements contained in General Assembly resolutions 75/290 A and 75/290 B and their annexes on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council and the review of the High-level Political Forum on sustainable development.

In line with our letter to you dated 11 January 2024, we would like to invite you to the first informal meeting on the review process of the resolutions on ECOSOC and the HLPF that will take place on Thursday, 15 February at 10:00 am in the ECOSOC Chamber. As outlined in that letter, delegations will be invited to make brief, general interventions on the substantive issues that they would like to see reflected in an elements paper.

Delegations are welcome to raise and share their views on any issues they see important to be reflected in this review process. In order to foster a productive engagement, we kindly invite you to reflect upon the following topics, among others, in your interventions:

- What do Member States envision as priorities for the reviews of the arrangements contained in General Assembly resolutions 75/290 A and 75/290 B and their annexes?
- How to make use of the impetus of the SDG Summit 2023 as well as the preparatory process of the Summit of the Future to strengthen ECOSOC and accelerate coordinated implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development?
- For the review on the strengthening of ECOSOC, how to ensure better engagement, interaction and follow-up to harness the Council’s and ECOSOC system’s full potential?
- For the review of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, how to mobilize the forum to achieve maximum progress on the SDGs in the light of the fast-approaching target year of 2030?
- What would be the best approach for selecting the annual themes for ECOSOC and the HLPF for 2025-2027 to follow the four-year cycle (2024-2027) of the HLPF? What set of SDGs would you like the HLPF to review in-depth in each of these years?

We very much look forward to listening to your views on 15 February. In the interest of an effective and efficient sharing of general initial views, we wish to kindly propose that delegations representing groups limit their interventions to no more than seven minutes and that interventions by individual delegations be limited to five minutes.
Further to our letter of 11 January, we also wish to remind you of the second informal consultation, which will be convened on Thursday, 7 March 2024, also at 10:00 am in the ECOSOC Chamber. As previously mentioned, due to scheduling constraints and other meetings and processes, interpretation for both the first and second rounds of consultations will be on an “as available” basis.

We very much look forward to working closely with you in the months ahead. We will do our utmost to ensure that the process is open, transparent and inclusive. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any concerns or questions. We welcome your active engagement and will strive to provide the best possible support for your deliberations.

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

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