



Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic
to the UN in New York



Permanent Mission of Saint Vincent
and the Grenadines
to the United Nations

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Excellency,

We are writing to you in our capacity as co-facilitators appointed by the President of the Economic and Social Council for the intergovernmental negotiations of the Ministerial Declaration of the 2025 High-level Segment of the Economic and Social Council and the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF). We are honored by the decision of the President of the Council to entrust us with this important responsibility at a critical time in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. We look forward to working closely with all delegations as well as major groups and other stakeholders to achieve a concise, focused, action-oriented, and forward-looking Declaration, outlining priority areas for accelerated actions.

This year's deliberations carry profound significance as we approach the 80th anniversary of the signing of the United Nations Charter. Our vision is to present a Declaration that builds upon our collective past accomplishments – especially the consensus on the 2030 Agenda reaffirmed at the Summit of the Future – and reiterates the HLPF's central role in overseeing the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda at the global level, while also contributing to knowledge-sharing and creating synergies to achieve the SDGs.

In this regard, we are pleased to invite you to the first informal consultation on Thursday, 6 March 2025 at 10:00 am in the ECOSOC Chamber to hear your general views.

We encourage your engagement on any issues you consider important to be included in the Declaration, addressing the theme of the 2025 ECOSOC and HLPF *“Advancing sustainable, inclusive, science- and evidence-based solutions for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals for leaving no one behind”*. The 2025 HLPF will also conduct in-depth reviews of: SDG 3 on good health and well-being, SDG 5 on gender equality, SDG 8 on decent work and economic growth, SDG 14 on life below water and SDG 17 on partnerships for the goals.

To inform the meeting and guide inputs, we invite your views on the following questions:

- What are emerging and persistent challenges to progress on the SDGs?
- What are the impactful science- and evidence-based solutions and actions that can accelerate the implementation of the SDGs, leaving no one behind, over the next five years to 2030 and in follow up on the outcomes of the Summit of the Future?
- What are the priority actions necessary for achieving Goals 3, 5, 8, 14 and 17?
- What are key areas that need to be addressed to support developing countries' advancement on the SDGs?
- What are key messages regarding the voluntary national reviews?

In the interest of an effective and efficient sharing of initial general views in the time available, we wish to invite delegations representing groups to limit their statements to no more than seven minutes

and individual delegations to no more than five minutes. Kindly note that interpretation will be on an “as available” basis.

Submission of longer statements and written comments on the possible structure and main elements for the declaration are welcome. We invite you to send these written inputs by Friday, 7 March 2025 to martin.bulanek@mzv.gov.cz, un.newyork.hlpf@mzv.gov.cz, lasanaandrews@svgmission.org and svgmission@gmail.com with copy to Mr. Eric Olson (olsone@un.org).

We very much look forward to working with you in the coming months. We will do our utmost to ensure a transparent, inclusive and synergistic consultative process.

We encourage Member States to engage in constructive dialogue, share innovative solutions, and work toward a Declaration that reflects our determination to turn ambition into tangible progress and we thank you for your cooperation in that regard.

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



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