



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

3 March, 2016

Excellency,

In adopting the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Heads of State and Government underscored that a robust, voluntary, effective, participatory, transparent and integrated follow-up and review framework will make a vital contribution to implementation of the Agenda.

Pursuant to paragraph 90 of the 2030 Agenda, the Secretary-General prepared a report, in consultation with Member States, which outlines the milestones and way forward towards coherent, efficient and inclusive follow-up and review at the global level. On 5 February 2016, I convened an informal meeting of the membership to hear views on the findings and proposals contained in that report.

In light of the views expressed at that meeting, it is my view that further clarity is needed on the global follow-up and review framework. I have therefore decided to appoint the Permanent Representative of Belize, Her Excellency, Ms. Lois M. Young, and the Permanent Representative of Denmark, His Excellency Mr. Ib Petersen, to lead an open, inclusive and transparent process of informal consultations with Member states, to take decisions on the most critical issues addressed in the report, as seen by Member States. This could include the multi-year programme of work for the high-level political forum. The consultations could also identify the appropriate forums and processes to address other elements of the Report in due course.

I urge Member States to engage in focussed negotiations with the aim of reaching an outcome that allows flexibility for the follow-up and review framework to mature through experience, and to provide space for the preparations of the 2016 high-level political forum to continue, under the leadership of the President of ECOSOC, His Excellency Oh Joon, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea.

I have asked the co-facilitators to begin consultations at the earliest opportunity so as to reach agreement on a draft resolution for adoption by the General Assembly well in advance of the 2016 High-level Political Forum. I have furthermore requested the Secretariat to support this important process as necessary.

I encourage all Member States to lend their fullest support to the concerned facilitators.

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

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Mogens Lykketoft', written over a light-colored background.

Mogens Lykketoft

To All Permanent Representatives and
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