

## FW: Informal consultations on HLPF and ECOSOC Review (INF-1)

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Dear Colleagues,

on Monday, 25 Jan, the GA resumed its informal consultations on the review of HLPF and ECOSOC, after a long interruption due to COVID-19 last year (see related PGA letter [here](#)).

In their introductory remarks, the co-facilitator (Senegal and Austria) recalled that the review process began in January 2020 with two informal meetings as well as rounds of informal consultations and negotiations where MSs had shared their views. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the GA decided to postpone the reviews of ECOSOC and HLPF to the 75<sup>th</sup> session (GAR 75/298). The co-facilitators expressed their intention to finalise the negotiations expeditiously by the end of March (another 6 meetings will be scheduled) and present the draft resolution during the first week of April. The co-facilitator (Austria) said that the HLPF dialogue on implementing 2030 Agenda should be preserved while its **work being improved by better inclusion of the regional dimensions**, giving a greater attention to countries in special situations, improving participation and strengthening the ministerial declaration. ECOSOC could be improved by increasing its role in policy guidance, coordination of the UN system and oversight of its subsidiary bodies.

**The following references to the regional dimension were made by MSs and**

**CSOs: G77&China** urged that more time is invested in both ECOSOC and HLPF in addressing the regional dimensions of development through the regional commissions and the various forums for sustainable development; the **Dominican Republic** recommended strengthening cooperation and interaction with the regional commissions as we recover from COVID-19. **Women's Major Group** suggested increased national, regional, global discussions at the HLPF; the **Asia Pacific Regional Civil Society Engagement Mechanism** suggested strengthening the regional processes and that organizations such as development banks and IFIs could be drawn into to share their views on how they contribute to the 2030 Agenda 2030, either at the regional or global level.

For more details, please see the attached RCNYO report. I look forward to **discussing more on this during our coordination meeting scheduled next Monday, 1 February.**

With regards,

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