

12 March 2014

Excellency,

I have the pleasure to enclose herewith a letter from H.E. Mr. Geir O. Pedersen, Permanent Representative of Norway and H.E. Mr. George Talbot, Permanent Representative of Guyana, Co-Facilitators for the forthcoming third international conference on financing for development, informing that the first informal meeting of the informal consultations will take place at 3 pm on Thursday, 20 March, 2014 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

I encourage all members to actively participate in the consultations on this important matter.

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

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To All Permanent Representatives And Permanent Observers To the United Nations New York





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The President of the General Assembly by way of letter dated 31 January appointed the Permanent Representatives of Guyana and Norway as co-facilitators to conduct informal consultations on his behalf on all issues related to the forthcoming third international conference on financing for development, including the date, format, organization and scope of the conference.

In discharging our mandate, we intend to conduct a series of open, transparent and inclusive consultations with the membership. We have the pleasure, as cofacilitators, to invite you to the first informal meeting to be held on Thursday, 20 March 2014 at 3 pm in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Resolution 68/204 of 20 December 2013 entitled "Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development" provides the context and conceptual framework for these consultations. At this first meeting, delegations will have the opportunity to provide preliminary views on all issues related to the conference, including its date, format, organization and scope.

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

Geir O. Pedersen

Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations

George Talbot

Permanent Representative of the Republic of Guyana to the United Nations