



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

New York, 29 November 2012

Excellency,

The UN General Assembly decided (65/285) to review further the implementation of resolution 61/16 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-seventh session. The UN Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) also acknowledged the importance of this review while recognizing the key role of ECOSOC in the balanced integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development. Later this year, the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 2012/30 recognized the importance of this review.

This review has special significance, as it is expected to attach special attention to the integrated and coordinated implementation of, and the regular and substantive follow up to, the outcomes of all major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social, environmental and related fields. This is meant to gear up the whole ECOSOC system to address the challenges of sustainable development, also in the light of the Rio+20 Outcome Document and post-2015 UN development agenda.

I understand that extensive consultations will be needed for undertaking this review. I am pleased to announce that the Permanent Representative of Belgium, H.E. Mr. Jan Grauls and the Permanent Representative of Guyana, H.E. Mr. George Talbot have agreed to serve as co-facilitators for this review.

I have requested them to consult Member States about the timing of initiating this review. The review will also be informed by the Secretary-General's report as mandated by ECOSOC resolution E/2012/30, which has to be prepared in consultation with Member States and taking into account the contributions of the functional and regional commissions and other bodies of the ECOSOC system.

All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the
United Nations
New York

Your active participation is highly encouraged and will be greatly valued. Precise details of the format and nature of consultations will be made available in due course.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'V' followed by a series of connected loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Vuk Jeremić