



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

22 July 2016

Excellency,

I wish to share with you the enclosed letter from His Excellency Ambassador Virachai Plasai, in his capacity of Chair of the Group of 77 and China, on the matter of the draft resolution on the Follow-up and Review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the global level. Ambassador Plasai has agreed that the attached letter be circulated to all Member States.

I would like to take this opportunity to update the membership on the status of informal consultations on the draft resolution.

Following the breaking of the silence procedure on the draft resolution by a Member State on 9 June 2016, I personally, as well as my staff, have reached out to concerned parties with a view to encourage arriving at a solution. I have furthermore sought their views on possible next steps in the process.

I therefore take note of the Group of G77 and China's request to extend informal consultations with a view to conclude within the 70th session of the General Assembly. I have strongly encouraged the Group to finalize these informal consultations at the earliest possible date. In order to adhere to processing and procedural requirements for the submission of draft resolutions for consideration by the General Assembly, consultations effectively have to be concluded in advance of Friday, 2 September 2016.

I believe that it is in the interest of the Assembly to reach an agreement in order to allow for timely and effective preparations for the High-level Political Forum in the coming years as it starts to serve its intended role in overseeing a network of follow-up and review processes for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, at the global level.

I have encouraged the Group to use this additional time to meet with other delegations in order to bring negotiations to a conclusion. Facilitation of negotiations will have to be done by Member States.

I reiterate my proposal to, under my authority, deliver introductory remarks which reflect among other issues, concerns raised during the process of consultations, provided that a consensus draft resolution is brought before the General Assembly.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mogens Lykketoft', written in a cursive style.

Mogens Lykketoft

To all Permanent Representatives
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THE GROUP OF 77
New York

The Chairman

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Excellency,

I have the honour to write to you on behalf of the 134 Member States of the Group of 77 and China with reference to our discussions on the draft resolution on the Follow-up and Review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the global level.

In this context, I would like to inform you that the Group has been meeting tirelessly to explore various new options with a view to advancing the process and reaching a successful conclusion of the draft resolution, which will require additional time for further consultations.

Therefore, the Member States of the Group of 77 and China wish to request your favourable consideration in extending the deadline beyond 25 July and renewing your good offices and facilitation with a view to concluding the draft resolution at the earliest possible date within the 70th session of the General Assembly under your Presidency, bearing in mind that the closing date of the 70th session has been set to Monday, 12 September 2016, as adopted by the General Assembly.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration and the Group's full commitment and cooperation in this process.

Virachai Plasai
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of the Kingdom of Thailand to the United Nations
Chair of the Group of 77

H.E. Mr. Mogens Lykketoft
President of the 70th session
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