

## 22 December 2017

Excellency,

Pursuant to paragraphs 22 and 23 of General Assembly resolution 70/305 of 13 September 2016, I have decided to appoint Her Excellency Ms. Gillian Bird, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Australia and His Excellency Mr. Martín García Moritán, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Argentina, as Co-Facilitators to lead consultations aimed at enhancing synergies and coherence and reducing overlap where it is found to exist in the agendas of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and their subsidiary bodies, as well as the high-level political forum and other related forums in light of the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

I encourage all Member States to lend their fullest support to the cofacilitators in identifying the appropriate approach and next steps required in order to move forward discussions on these critical issues.

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

Peter Thomson

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