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**Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields**

**Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit**

## **Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 12 August 2020**

[without reference to a Main Committee (A/74/L.83)]

**74/298. Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 67/290 on the high-level political forum on sustainable development, resolution 70/299 on the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the global level and resolution 72/305 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 67/290 of 9 July 2013, entitled “Format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development”, and 70/299 of 29 July 2016, entitled “Follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the global level”,

*Recalling also* its resolution 72/305 of 23 July 2018, entitled “Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 68/1 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council” and all previous related resolutions on the strengthening of the Council,

*Reaffirming* its resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, and reaffirming also the unwavering commitment to achieving the Agenda and utilizing it to the full to transform our world for the better by 2030,

*Reaffirming also* its resolution 74/4 of 15 October 2019, entitled “Political declaration of the high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the General Assembly”, and the pledge to launch a decade of action and delivery for sustainable development,



*Recognizing* the threats to sustainable development, including to health, safety and well-being, and to the world economy caused by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, and its unprecedented effects, which require a coordinated response and global solidarity,

*Recognizing also* that the poorest and people living in vulnerable situations are the most affected and that the impact of the pandemic will have repercussions on sustainable development in all countries, especially in developing countries, by hampering progress in the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals,

*Stressing* that the current crisis is a reminder that the implementation of the 2030 Agenda is crucial to help to better equip the world for future systemic shocks, and that the Sustainable Development Goals are a shared blueprint for building back better through a people-centred, inclusive, sustainable and resilient recovery that promotes the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development, while leaving no one behind,

1. *Recognizes* the role that the Charter of the United Nations and the General Assembly have vested in the Economic and Social Council as a principal organ for coordination, policy review, policy dialogue and recommendations on issues of economic and social development, as well as for the implementation of the international development goals agreed at the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social, environmental and related fields, and the central role and effective and participatory character of the high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the Assembly and the Council in overseeing the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development<sup>1</sup> at the global level, working coherently with the Assembly, the Council and other relevant organs and forums, in accordance with existing mandates;

2. *Decides to conduct*, in conjunction, the reviews of General Assembly resolution 72/305 on the review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 68/1 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council, resolution 67/290 on the format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development and resolution 70/299 on the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the global level, taking into account the provisions of the present resolution, during its seventy-fifth session;

3. *Also decides* that the thematic focus of the Economic and Social Council for its 2021 session and the 2021 high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the Council shall be “Sustainable and resilient recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic that promotes the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development: building an inclusive and effective path for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda in the context of the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development”;

4. *Further decides* that the high-level political forum for 2021, without prejudice to the integrated, indivisible and interlinked nature of the Sustainable Development Goals, shall discuss Goals 1, 2, 3, 8, 10, 12, 13, 16 and 17 in depth;

5. *Decides* that the review shall take into account the different and particular impact of the COVID-19 pandemic across all Sustainable Development Goals, consider progress in implementing the 2030 Agenda in its entirety and address the interlinkages between Goals, to promote integrated actions cutting across the three dimensions of sustainable development that can create co-benefits, address synergies and trade-offs and meet multiple objectives in a coherent manner, leaving no one behind;

<sup>1</sup> Resolution 70/1.

6. *Also decides* that the review shall cover the targets of the Sustainable Development Goals with a 2020 timeline;

7. *Further decides* to define the theme of the Economic and Social Council and that of the high-level political forum convened under the auspices of the Council as well as the remaining Sustainable Development Goals to be reviewed in depth for the two outstanding years of the four-year cycle of the forum as soon as possible during its seventy-fifth session, in a manner that ensures coherence over the 2020–2023 cycle and reflects the holistic nature of the 2030 Agenda;

8. *Decides* to agree at its seventy-seventh session on the thematic review of progress for the next cycle of the forum, including the yearly sequence of themes and the set of Goals to be reviewed at each session.

*12 August 2020*