



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

28 June 2019

Excellency,

With reference to my letter dated 27 June 2019 regarding the extension of the silence procedure of the final draft of the political declaration for the High-level political forum (HLPF), under the auspices of the General Assembly until today, Friday, 28 June at 12:00 p.m., I would like to inform you that the silence procedure has been broken.

Please find attached herewith the letter dated 28 June 2019 from H.E. Ms. Sheila Gweneth Carey, Permanent Representative of the Bahamas to the United Nations, and H.E. Mr. Olof Skoog, Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations, Co-facilitators to conduct consultations on a political declaration as the mandated outcome of the HLPF when it meets under the auspices of the General Assembly this year in September, on the breaking of the silence procedure by a Member State and the detail of the amendment to paragraph 20 of the final draft of the political declaration for your consideration.

The Co-facilitators will consult with Member States and groups with a view to finding a solution and putting a final draft resolution under silence procedure at the earliest opportunity.

I highly encourage all Member States and groups to engage constructively and cooperate with the Co-facilitators in this final stage. I count on your full support and spirit of compromise in reaching a concise, action-oriented, and consensual draft outcome document which your leaders will adopt at the SDG Summit on 24 September 2019.

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

  
María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés

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



PERMANENT MISSION OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS



Permanent Mission of Sweden  
to the United Nations, New York

28 June 2019

Excellency,

We are writing to you in our capacity as co-facilitators appointed by the President of the General Assembly to conduct consultations on a political declaration as the mandated outcome of the high-level political forum on sustainable development (HLPF) when it meets under the auspices of the General Assembly this year in September.

We have the honor to refer to our letter of 21 June 2019 when we have shared with you a final draft of the political declaration for the HLPF under the auspices of the General Assembly. The draft was under silence procedure until 12:00 pm on Friday, 28 June 2019.

One delegation broke the silence procedure asking that an amendment be introduced in paragraph 20 of the final draft that was put under the silence procedure, so the paragraph would be amended as follows:

20. At the same time, we are concerned that progress is slow in many areas. Vulnerabilities are high and deprivations are becoming more entrenched. Assessments show that we are at risk of missing the poverty eradication target. Hunger is on the rise. Progress towards gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls is too slow. Inequalities in wealth, incomes and opportunities are increasing in and between countries. Biodiversity loss, environmental degradation, [discharge of plastic litter into the oceans](#), climate change and increasing disaster risk continue at rates that bring potentially disastrous consequences for humanity.

We will continue to consult with Member States and groups with a view to finding a solution and putting the final draft under silence procedure the earliest possible.

We appreciate your constructive engagement and count on your cooperation at this final stage.

Please accept, Excellency, assurances of our highest consideration.

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