





These may appear to be small changes but reform of the General Assembly and ECOSOC has always taken place through small, iterative steps and I see the resolution as an important landmark on the path to a politically energized General Assembly and ECOSOC.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my profound appreciation and thanks to the two Vice Chairs of the Group – Ambassador Nana Effah-Apenteng, of Ghana and Ambassador Jean de Ruyt of Belgium, who presided over informal consultations and provided guidance throughout the whole process and tirelessly participated in the work of the Bureau and related negotiations. I am also very grateful to our Facilitator, Counselor Henri Stephan Raubenheimer from the Permanent Mission of South Africa, for his dedicated and thoughtful approach, his substantive skills and abilities and tireless efforts which helped finalize the work of the Working Group.

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It is also important to recognize a great deal of good will, understanding and constructive spirit that prevailed in the Working Group and helped us arrive at the final agreement within our time limit.