

## Speaking Notes H.E. Amb. Jan Kickert / Conclusions, way forward and closing remarks

- As provided for in resolution 72/232 and 73/243, the High Level Mid Term Review, which will be convened in New York in December 2019, will adopt an **intergovernmentally negotiated and agreed outcome in the form of a political declaration**. This outcome document does not need to repeat the analysis of the reports but should be **punchy and succinct**.
- The outcomes of the regional review meetings, the outcomes of the various pre-conference events coordinated by UN OHRRLLS, the report of the Secretary General on the implementation of the VPoA will all serve as **critical inputs into the outcome document** of the High Level MTR.
- It is our **great honor** to support MS in the important endeavor of negotiating the political declaration of the LLDC VPoA MTR.
- Let me therefore say a few words from the co-facilitators **on the way forward** from today.
- We look forward to this year's **SG report**.
- We are then looking forward to attending the third and last **Midterm review meeting of Latin American countries** (Santiago, 11-12 June 2019)
- We will subsequently **start informals right after the meeting in Santiago**.
- On completion of the informals, we hope to come to an agreement for a political declaration which will be **acceptable for all** and which **can be adopted by consensus** at the MTR in December.
- Given the timing constraints of the regional review and the other ongoing UN processes around the second committee, the actual **timeline for the informals has to be very ambitious**. We sincerely hope that we can count on all MS to help us make it. **We aim to finish the negotiations on the outcome document before the July HLPF**.
- The reason **why we want to finish in July** is because: after the HLPF and in August many delegates are on holiday, in September high-level week is every delegation's priority and in October/November our 2C experts will be busy negotiating 40-something resolutions.
- The current schedule of informals has been adapted to fit with the travel schedule of participants at the regional review in Santiago and **avoids overlaps with the other 2C negotiation processes** (mainly HLPF and the MTR of the SAMOA Pathway). This way we hope to have an **inclusive process**.
- We look forward to working together with all delegations **to reach a balanced, concise and action-oriented document** and count on all delegations to **engage actively and constructively!**