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 OHRLLS, 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!