



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

22 July 2020

**Subject:** Draft resolution entitled “Progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 71/243 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system” – conclusion of silence procedure

Excellency,

I have the honour to recall my letter dated 19 July 2020, placing under silence procedure the draft resolution entitled “Progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 71/243 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system” ([E/2020/L.28](#)), until Wednesday, 22 July at 10 p.m. in accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 2020/205 of 3 April 2020, entitled, “Procedure for taking decisions of the Economic and Social Council during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic” and decision 2020/219 of 24 June 2020, extending that decision until the end of July 2020.

It is my pleasure to inform you that the silence procedure has concluded without objection. Accordingly, the resolution is considered adopted by the Council as resolution 2020/23 and is in effect from 10:01 p.m. on 22 July 2020. The Council will take note of the resolution at its next plenary meeting to be held at United Nations Headquarters. Two statements in explanation of vote/position received in connection with the proposal are also attached.

Let me take this opportunity to once again express my solidarity with Member States who are fighting COVID-19 and extend my sincere condolences for their loss.

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

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## GENERAL STATEMENT

### **Draft resolution entitled “Progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 71/243 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system”**

Madame President,

I have the honor to deliver a general statement in connection with draft resolution **E/2020/L.28**, entitled "*Progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 71/243 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system*". The statement is delivered on behalf of the Pacific Small Island Developing States represented at the United Nations, namely Kiribati, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, and my own country, Fiji.

Madame President,

Our group looks forward to the adoption of the draft resolution **E/2020/L.28** as an important milestone of the UN Development System reform. We are particularly pleased that the Economic and Social Council would welcome the Secretary-General's recommendations on the Multi-country office (MCO) review under the terms of operative paragraph 6 and would ask to proceed with the implementation. On numerous occasions leading up to this day, our group has spoken about the great potential of the United Nations system and it must demonstrate that this reform is working for all its member states, including the most vulnerable and the smallest amongst them. Against this backdrop, we have continued to channel our energy and focus on a Multi-country office set up in the North Pacific which will not only strengthen the delivery on the SAMOA Pathway most importantly meeting the ambitious 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development on the ground.

Madame President,

The MCO set up in the North Pacific will enhance UN programmatic support that is critical for an efficient and effective UN delivery system more so now with the COVID-19

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pandemic. This set up will test an invigorated, efficient, and fit for purpose UN system to address the current global pandemic associated challenges which are inextricably linked to Climate Change.

To demonstrate our willingness and readiness to move forward on the MCO set up in the North Pacific, our group reaffirms the North Pacific Leader's endorsement for the Federated States of Micronesia as its host country.

As we turn to the implementation of resolution **71/243**, the work will naturally shift to our region and involve multiple stakeholders. We look forward to any further engagement on the practical requirements to successfully conclude the draft resolution.

In closing, Madame President, the Pacific SIDS would like to acknowledge and express our gratitude, to all the delegations from the Group of 77 & China, our development partners and our facilitator, Mr. Markus Reisle of Switzerland, who worked tirelessly on the draft. Last but not the least, our sincere gratitude to you and the Vice- President, Ambassador Juan Sandoval Mendiola of Mexico for the stewardship and commitment to the process thus far. The same extends to the ECOSOC members who are the ultimate bearers of this decision in turning this resolution into reality.

I, Thank you, Madame President.

**Explanation of Position of Turkey in connection with the adoption of the resolution on "Progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 71/243 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system"**

Turkey looks forward to the full and timely implementation of the United Nations development system reform mandates, including the repositioning of the United Nations regional assets, with a view to reinforcing the development system support to programme countries in line with their national goals, priorities and views.

Turkey reiterates its expectation that the work of the reinvigorated regional mechanisms be conducted in line with the regional priorities that are supported by all countries involved in that particular region, while excluding issues that are not agreed upon by all countries concerned, such as governance of transboundary rivers.