

**Introductory Remarks by
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**Open-ended Intergovernmental Ad Hoc Expert Group on
Matters referred to in Paragraph 44 of the ECOSOC Resolution 2015/33**

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Distinguished experts,
Ladies and gentlemen,

As my fellow Co-Chair Mr. Hoogeveen highlighted, on the one hand, while challenging it may be, the tasks are well defined before us. On the other, in the last eleven months since the conclusion of UNFF11 last May, we have witnessed several important developments to carefully consider in undertaking our tasks.

A few months ago in December on the heels of the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the UN
