

**Basic elements and Key Points for a resolution in support of social and solidarity Economy**

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**Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen, all protocol observed,**

I have been asked to make a statement on what are the basic elements and key points for a resolution. Simply put, a resolution needs a title, a preamble and an operative section, which both should have at least one paragraph on the goals and actions the resolution wants to achieve. But since you deal with resolutions among your core responsibilities as representatives of your Missions, I owe you a more interesting response beyond this obvious answer.

From my previous life as a delegate in the UNGA in your midst I have come to know some of the basic elements which are not being presented as such, but without which no UNGA resolution is possible. In my view the first basic element, which is crucial for moving the process forward is the answer to the first questions delegations tend to ask, especially when a new resolution is proposed.

These are:

- What is the rationale for this resolution?
- What added value will it have?

The UN task force on SSE, which teamed up with the Government of Spain to organize this event, has been supporting the lead countries in formulating a rationale to share with other interested delegations. Some previous speakers may have dealt with some of its elements, which basically comes down to the fact that a UNGA resolution:

1. Could provide the opportunity for a focused exchange and learning by member States, guiding UN agencies on priority areas of work on SSE and documenting of its contributions to sustainable development.
2. Would therefore contribute to improved policy making and implementation, particularly in countries and societies farthest behind, leading to accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and realizing the SDGs.
3. Could help with the needed urgent rethinking of ways to accelerate the transition to a sustainable future for all; SSE Enterprises and Organizations as resilient actors at the community level can play a crucial role in the needed “people-centered and planet-sensitive” recovery. They can be mobilized in times of crisis for immediate response as they are already advancing a community-based recovery, by building stronger health system; more decent employment, less inequalities, a healthier environment and more resilient societies.
4. The consideration of SSE by the assembly is now more urgent than ever as the Covid-19 pandemic has exposed many fragilities in our societies, economies and deepened existing inequalities, while highlighting the need for resilience, innovation and cooperation.

In addition to establishing the rationale and added value of the new proposal, the next key point in my view is to design a consultation process that can go beyond the traditional north versus south negotiations at the UN. There is need for a process that can garner the widest support for the resolution as well as its best substantive outcome, by bridging the trust gap at the United Nations between developed and developing countries, which sometimes is also manifest in geographic divisions.

In this context this event and the initiatives of the Pact For Impact, led by France, are excellent steps in the right direction!

**Finally**, the content and text of the resolution that the assembly will agree is a foremost basic element. As you know that is the prerogative of member states. Although I think that the rationale can provide formidable guideposts in this regard.

**As Vice Chair of the task force, I think UNCTAD can speak for all that we are ready to support you on all substantive matters on your way forward.**

I thank you for your kind attention.