



**The President  
of the  
Economic and Social Council**

4 February 2021

Excellency,

I write with reference to General Assembly resolutions 67/290, 70/299 and 72/305 that mandate that the High-level segment of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and the High-level political forum on sustainable development (HLPF) will result in a concise negotiated political declaration. I would also like to refer to resolution 74/298 which decided that the theme of ECOSOC and HLPF will be *“Sustainable and resilient recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic that promotes the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development: building an inclusive and effective path for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda in the context of the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development”* and that HLPF shall discuss Goals 1, 2, 3, 8, 10, 12, 13, 16 and 17 in depth.

In this regard, I have the honour to inform you that I have appointed H.E. Mr. Jukka Salovaara, Permanent Representative of Finland to the United Nations, and H.E. Mr. Mohammed Hussein Bahr Aluloom, Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations, to act as co-facilitators for the preparation of the ministerial declaration for the 2021 High-level segment of ECOSOC and 2021 HLPF and to facilitate consultations among Member States, with a view to reaching an intergovernmental agreement on the declaration. I would like to thank Ambassador Salovaara and Ambassador Aluloom for accepting this responsibility. I trust that you will extend your full cooperation and support to the co-facilitators so that we can adopt an action-oriented, innovative and visionary declaration that truly contributes to overcoming COVID-19 and its impacts, and putting the world on track to realize the 2030 Agenda.

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

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President of ECOSOC

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