



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

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Excellency,

I refer to General Assembly resolution 70/1 on 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development which launched the Technology Facilitation Mechanism in September 2015 and resolution 69/313, on the Addis Ababa Action Agenda which established a Technology Facilitation Mechanism including a collaborative Multi-stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals (STI Forum).

As requested by General Assembly resolution 70/1, the President of ECOSOC will convene the meetings of the STI forum once a year to discuss science, technology and innovation cooperation around thematic areas for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals. The General Assembly also decided that the meetings of the forum will be co-chaired by two Member States and will result in a summary of discussions elaborated by the two co-Chairs, as an input to the meetings of the high-level political forum.

In this regards, I have the honour to inform you that, in order to foster continuity as this is only the second meeting of the Forum since its inception, I have decided to re-appoint H.E. Mr. Macharia Kamau, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations and Dr. Vaughan Turekian, the Science and Technology Adviser to the US Secretary of State, to act as co-chairs for the next STI Forum which will be held in New York from 15 to 16 May 2017. I would like to thank Ambassador Kamau and Dr. Turekian for accepting this responsibility and trust that you will extend your full cooperation and support to them.

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

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President of ECOSOC

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