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By resolution 72/208 of 20 December 2017 entitled “Follow-up to and implementation of the outcomes of the International Conferences on Financing for Development”, the General Assembly requested the President of the General Assembly to convene briefings for Member States, no later than February 2018, by the Co-Chairs of the multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals on the recommendations contained in the Co-Chairs’ summary of the second multi-stakeholder forum, which was held on 15 and 16 May 2017, with regard to the next steps for the multi-stakeholder forum.

In accordance with this resolution, I have the honour to inform you that I will convene a briefing in this regard on Monday, 29 January 2018, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

The Co-Chairs of the second multi-stakeholder forum, H.E. Mr. Macharia Kamau, Permanent Representative of Kenya to the United Nations, and Dr. Vanghan Turekian, the fifth Science and Technology Adviser to the Secretary of State of the United States, together with the Co-Chairs of the third multi-stakeholder forum, H.E. Mr. Toshiya Hoshino, Deputy Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations, and H.E. Mr. Juan Sandoval Mendiolea, Deputy Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations, will participate in this briefing. They will be joined by H.E. Ms. Marie Chatardová, President of the Economic and Social Council, and Mr. Liu Zhenmin, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs.

I look forward to your active participation at this meeting. Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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