



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

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Excellency,

I refer to General Assembly resolution 70/1 on the 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 (hereafter 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 regard, I have the honour to inform you that, after consultations, I have decided to appoint H.E. Ms. H. Elizabeth Thompson, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Barbados to the United Nations and H.E. Mrs. Marie Chatardová, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of the Czech Republic to the United Nations, to act as co-chairs for the next STI Forum, which will be held from 14 to 15 May 2019 in New York. I would like to thank Ambassador Thompson and Ambassador Chatardová 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.

Yours sincerely,

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President of ECOSOC

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