



**THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL**

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Excellency,

Further to the informal meetings of the General Assembly on business continuity that took place on 19 May and 16 June 2021, and following the success of the pilot project implemented by the President of the General Assembly in the General Assembly Hall, I would like to advise of the following measures which I intend to implement for meetings of the 2021 High-level political forum on sustainable development and ECOSOC High-level segment that will be organized either as in-person meetings or as informal meetings with the option of both in-person and virtual participation (“hybrid”). The measures are consistent with the call from delegations to improve our in-person work in light of the updated guidelines from the Host Country:

For the following meetings of the high-level political forum on sustainable development (HLPF) convened under the auspices of ECOSOC and the High-level Segment of ECOSOC, delegations would commit to having only fully-vaccinated delegates accessing meetings held in the General Assembly Hall or in combined Conference Rooms 1, 2 and 3:

- The opening meeting of the HLPF in the morning of Tuesday, 6 July;
- the opening of the High-level Segment of ECOSOC and the Ministerial days of the HLPF on 13 July from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.;
- the “hybrid” meeting of the HLPF from 3:00-3:40 p.m. on Thursday, 15 July, followed by the in-person meeting for the adoption of the draft ministerial declaration and closing of the HLPF on 15 July from 3:40-5:00 p.m.;
- the “hybrid” meeting of the High-level Segment of ECOSOC from 3:00-4:30 p.m. on Friday, 16 July; followed by the in-person meeting for the adoption of the draft ministerial declaration and closing of the High-level Segment of ECOSOC on 16 July 2021 from 4:30-6:00 p.m.

All delegates will be required to swipe their United Nations (UN) issued identity (ID) card at the entrance of the General Assembly Hall or the combined Conference Rooms 1, 2 and 3. By swiping their UN issued ID card on entry, all delegates will be declaring, as a condition of their entry to the Hall or the combined Conference Rooms, that they are fully vaccinated against COVID-19, in addition to the current requirements (have not been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the last 14 days; have not had symptoms consistent with COVID-19 in the last 14 days; have not had close contact with someone with COVID-19 or symptoms consistent with COVID-19 in the last 14 days, and have completed any locally required quarantine).

All Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers
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This will allow for an increase in the size of delegations (1+1) and provide for the participation of a limited number of other stakeholders with speaking roles in the meetings. A seating chart for the in-person or “hybrid” meetings will be circulated in advance.

I encourage continued vigilance so our success to date is maintained in mitigating COVID-19 risks at UN Headquarters.

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



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