



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

5 April 2016

Excellency,

I refer to the General Assembly resolution 70/1 on 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development which launched the Technology Facilitation Mechanism in September 2015 and the 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 the 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 I have decided to 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 STI forum. 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 them.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Oh Joon', written in a cursive style.

**Oh Joon**  
President of ECOSOC

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States members of specialized agencies