



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

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Excellency,

I refer to resolution 69/313, by which the General Assembly endorsed the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, in which Member States decided to establish an annual ECOSOC forum on financing for development follow-up. Further, in its resolution 71/217 of 21 December 2016, the General Assembly welcomed the launch of the forum in April 2016 and recalled ECOSOC decision 2017/206 of 5 October 2016, in which the Council decided that, on an exceptional basis, without prejudice to General Assembly resolution 68/1 of 20 September 2013 and without setting a precedent for future discussions, the 2017 forum would convene from 22 to 25 May 2017 in New York.

The same resolution invited me to begin early planning of the forum and to consider using the modalities that applied to the 2016 forum, which were decided in General Assembly resolution 70/192 of 22 December 2015. That resolution requested me to take steps necessary to prepare the work of the forum according to paragraph 132 of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and invited me to consider appointing two co-facilitators, as appropriate, who will prepare the draft conclusions and recommendations of the forum and will facilitate consultations among Member States with a view to reaching its intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations.

In this regard, I have the honour to inform you that I have appointed H.E. Mr. Marc Pecsteen de Buytsverve, Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations, and H.E. Mr. Jerry Matthews Matjila, Permanent Representative of the Republic of South Africa to the United Nations, to act as co-facilitators for the preparation of draft conclusions and recommendations of the forum and to facilitate consultations among Member States, with a view to reaching an intergovernmental agreement on that draft. I would like to thank Ambassador Pecsteen de Buytsverve and Ambassador Matjila 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.

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