



15 April 2020

Excellency,

Further to Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) resolution 2020/3 of 14 April 2020 on the revised working arrangements for the 2020 session of the Council and of its subsidiary bodies, I have the honour to write to you on the intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations of the 2020 ECOSOC forum on financing for development follow-up.

The ECOSOC Bureau has agreed that, under the prevailing extraordinary circumstances, and due to the lack of adequate technical solutions at this time, the forum needs to be able to take a decision on its outcome document.

Taking into account ECOSOC decision 2020/205 of 3 April 2020 on the procedure for taking decisions of the Council during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, and in view of the All States participation in the forum, it is my pleasure to circulate the enclosed draft decision enabling the ECOSOC forum on financing for development follow-up to adopt its outcome document under a silence procedure.

The enclosed draft decision is hereby placed under silence procedure, until 9 a.m., on Monday, 20 April 2020. Comments and exceptions by States Members of the United Nations or States members of specialized agencies should be directed to the Office of the President of ECOSOC at Susan.eckey@mfa.no and Sunniva.Helen.Abrahamsen@mfa.no.

As indicated in my message of 7 April 2020, I intend to convene a brief, virtual informal meeting to acknowledge the intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations of the forum on 23 April.

Let me take this opportunity to reiterate my solidarity with Member States who are fighting COVID-19 and extend my sincere condolences for their loss.

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

All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mona Juul". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M' and a long, sweeping tail on the 'u'.

Mona Juul
President of the
Economic and Social Council

PROPOSAL – draft decision on procedure for taking a decision on the draft intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations of the 2020 Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic

The Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up,

Noting with concern the situation concerning the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the limitations recommended on meetings within the United Nations premises as precautionary measures aimed at containing the spread of COVID-19,

Recalling Economic and Social Council decision 2020/205 of 3 April 2020 on the procedure for taking decisions of the Economic and Social Council during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic and resolution 2020/3 of 14 April 2020 on the revised working arrangements for the 2020 session of the Economic and Social Council and of its subsidiary bodies,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 69/313 of 27 July 2015, in particular paragraph 132 of the annex thereof, and operative paragraphs 5 to 9 of resolution 70/192, on the modalities of participation of the forum,

Authorizes the President of the Economic and Social Council, to circulate, after consultation with the Bureau of the Council, the draft intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations of the forum to all States Members of the United Nations and States members of specialized agencies, under a silence procedure of at least 72 hours,

Decides that, if the silence is not broken, the intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations shall be considered adopted, and the forum shall take note of the intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations at a formal meeting held after the cessation of the precautionary measures as soon as the circumstances allow, and that this decision on the procedure for taking a decision on the draft intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations of the 2020 Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up shall be in effect until the end of April 2020, unless extended through this procedure.