

15 April 2020

Subject: Elections to subsidiary bodies through silence procedure (update)

Excellency,

Further to my letters dated 9 and 13 April 2020, I have the honour to write to you with regard to elections to subsidiary and related bodies conducted by the Economic and Social Council.

In accordance with the two-step process outlined in the message dated 6 April 2020 addressed by the Vice-President, H.E. Munir Akram, to Member States, and with reference to the updated list of candidates to ECOSOC subsidiary and related bodies placed under silence procedure by the deadline of 5 p.m., Wednesday, 15 April, I wish to inform that the ECOSOC Bureau has this afternoon received a request to conduct the elections for the following four ECOSOC subsidiaries by secret ballot, in accordance with rule 68 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council:

1. Commission on Population and Development;
2. Committee for Programme and Coordination;
3. Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint UN Programme on HIV/AIDS; and
4. Executive Board of the UN Development Programme / UN Population Fund / UN Office for Project Services

As mentioned in my letters dated 9 and 13 April, following the expiration of the 15 April deadline, I will circulate in a separate letter conference room papers containing proposals detailing the candidatures and terms for the election of members to each Council subsidiary body for which the number of candidatures are equal to or less than the number of vacancies to be filled for all the regional categories, and for which no objection was raised pursuant to rule 68 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council, and place these under a separate silence procedure of at least 72 hours.

All Permanent Representatives of States members
of the Economic and Social Council
cc: All Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers
to the United Nations New York

Let me take this opportunity to once again express 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.

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 underline.

Mona Juul
President of the Economic and
Social Council