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## FFD: Forum on Financing for Development Follow-up

**Closing Statement by ECOSOC President Ambassador Mona Juul on Financing Sustainable Development in the Context of COVID-19, 23 April 2020.**

Excellencies,

Colleagues,

We have come to the close of this informal meeting of the 2020 Financing for Development Forum.

I wish to thank the Secretary-General, the President of the General Assembly and our keynote speakers for being with us virtually today.

I would also like to thank the co-facilitators, and all Member States once again for your resolve and solidarity at this testing time.

You have spearheaded the first universally agreed UN set of policies to finance COVID-19 response and recovery.

Now, it is our responsibility to show the same commitment and determination in our implementation of this important outcome of the FfD Forum.

Dear colleagues,

COVID-19 has caused unprecedented suffering. Nobody is safe unless everyone is safe.

Solidarity and cooperation among countries, societies, communities, and individual citizens is the only possible way to emerge from the crisis together, and stronger.

We are all in this together.

We must do whatever it takes to leave no one behind.

This is exactly what is meant by the 2030 Agenda and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda.

There is growing recognition that COVID-19 will continue to lead to massive economic and social disruptions.

We have already witnessed very high volatility in the financial and commodity markets.

All of these shifts have a direct impact on financing the SDGs.

While we are grappling with the impacts, many unanswered questions remain.

This is why I am planning to hold an ECOSOC meeting that would bring together experts and policy makers to help governments to effectively respond to the crisis, and get back on track to achieve the SDGs.

Which we know is the key to building resilient and inclusive societies.

I count on your continued engagement and support.

Thank you again for joining us for this virtual meeting.

The informal meeting of the Economic and Social Council Forum on Financing for Development Follow-up is now concluded