



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

20 February 2018

Excellency,

I refer to the intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations of the 2017 ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development follow-up (contained in E/FFDF/2017/3), in which Member States decided that the third FfD Forum will convene from 23 to 26 April 2018, and will utilize the same modalities that applied to the 2017 Forum.

The abovementioned modalities include those outlined 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. E. Courtenay Rattray, Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the United Nations, and H.E. Mr. Francisco Duarte Lopes, Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations, to act as co-facilitators for the preparation of draft conclusions and recommendations of the 2018 FfD 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 Rattray and Ambassador Duarte Lopes for accepting this responsibility and trust that you will extend your full cooperation and support to them.

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

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