Excellency,

I refer to the intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations of the 2019 ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development follow-up (contained in E/FFDF/2019/3), which decided that the fifth FfD Forum will convene from 20 to 23 April 2020, and will utilize the same modalities that applied to the 2019 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. Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson, Permanent Representative of Barbados to the United Nations, and H.E. Mr. Andrejs Pildegovičs, Permanent Representative of Latvia to the United Nations, to act as co-facilitators for the preparation of draft conclusions and recommendations of the 2020 FfD Forum and to facilitate consultations and build consensus among Member States, with a view to reaching an intergovernmental agreement on that draft. I would like to convey my sincere gratitude to Ambassador Thompson and Ambassador Pildegovičs for accepting this responsibility and for acting as vanguards for consensus building on Financing for Development as we embark on the Decade of Action.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.
All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the United Nations
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