10 January 2020

Excellency,

We have the honour to invite you to a joint briefing of the Presidents of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, on Tuesday, 28 January 2020 in the Trusteeship Council Chamber from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The joint Presidents’ briefing will outline efforts to facilitate coherence in the work of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, pursuant to the General Assembly resolution 72/313, entitled “Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly”, in particular paragraphs 29, 30 and 31 related to the need to enhance synergies and coherence and reduce overlap where it is found to exist in the agendas of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and their subsidiary bodies, as well as the high-level political forum and other related fora in light of the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The structure of the briefing will include updates on the following: (i) cooperation and coherence between the General Assembly and ECOSOC, as well as the alignment process; (ii) Financing for Development; (iii) Youth; and (iv) Least Developed Countries. Additionally, it will provide an opportunity for delegations to exchange views and perspectives in relation to the possible gaps and duplication in the work programmes of these two United Nations organs.

To ensure a transparent process and a productive exchange of views, we encourage all Permanent Representatives to attend the briefing.

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

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President of the General Assembly

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President of the Economic and Social Council

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