



**THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY**



**THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE ECONOMIC AND  
SOCIAL COUNCIL**

25 February 2021

Excellency,

We have the honor to transmit herewith the report of the High-Level Panel on International Financial Accountability, Transparency and Integrity for Achieving the 2030 Agenda (FACTI Panel), along with a letter from the Panel's Co-chairs, H.E. Dalia Grybauskaitė, former President of Lithuania, and H.E. Ibrahim Assane Mayaki, former Prime Minister of Niger.

The FACTI Panel was an initiative of our predecessors, the 74<sup>th</sup> President of the General Assembly, H.E. Prof. Tijjani Muhammad-Bande, and the 75<sup>th</sup> President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Ms. Mona Juul. We want to acknowledge their foresight in launching this initiative in March 2020.

The FACTI Panel's 14 recommendations are made after a year of research, consultations, and discussions. These build on the ongoing work of existing mechanisms to address the gaps, impediments and vulnerabilities, and propose approaches to strengthen international cooperation. We take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to the FACTI Panel and the co-Chairs for their commitment and tireless work to deliver on their mandate.

As the Panel suggests, action on their recommendations is of utmost importance, especially given the urgency to mobilize resources to invest in COVID-19 recovery, improve infrastructure, combat climate change, and implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. On our part, we encourage Member States to give consideration to these recommendations, including in the context of the upcoming ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development and the General Assembly Special Session on challenges and measures to prevent and combat corruption and strengthen international cooperation, as well as in other relevant forums.

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

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President of the seventy-fifth session  
of the General Assembly

**Munir AKRAM**  
President of the Economic and  
Social Council at its 2021 session

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