

19 May 2021

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to my letter dated 19 May 2021, regarding the Joint Thematic Event on Least Developed Countries to be convened by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, on Friday, 18 June 2021, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall, UN Headquarters.

The programme of the meeting will include a high-level segment from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to accommodate Member States' statements. In view of time constraints, and to ensure a balanced geographic representation, three speakers from each regional group interested in delivering a statement at the joint event are invited to register their interest through the Chairs of their respective regional groups for the month of May.

As chairperson of a regional group for the month of May, I count on your support in consulting with your group, and thereafter advise, no later than Monday, 31 May 2021, about the interests of three delegations within your group to deliver statements at the highest possible level.

Details of interested delegations, including level of speakers should be forwarded to Ms. Toni-Shae Freckleton, Senior Adviser and Team Leader, Sustainable Development (<u>toni-shae.freckleton@un.org</u>). Further information on the event may also be obtained from Ms. Freckleton.

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

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Chairs of Regional Groups for the month of May 2021

Cc: All Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers to the United Nations New york