



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

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Excellency,

I write with reference to General Assembly resolution 69/313 on the Addis Ababa Action Agenda which established a Technology Facilitation Mechanism including a collaborative Multi-stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals (hereafter STI Forum) and to resolution 70/1 on 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development which launched the Technology Facilitation Mechanism in September 2015. I also refer to the recent resolution on working arrangements for the 2023 session of the Economic and Social Council ([E/2023/L.1](#)), in which Member States decided that the eighth STI Forum will be convened from 3 to 4 May 2023.

As requested by General Assembly resolution 70/1, the President of ECOSOC will convene the meetings of the STI Forum to discuss science, technology and innovation cooperation around thematic areas for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals. The General Assembly also decided that the meetings of the Forum will be co-chaired by two Member States and will result in a summary of discussions elaborated by the two co-Chairs, as an input to the meetings of the high-level political forum.

In this regard, I have the honour to inform you that, after consultations, I have decided to appoint H.E. Ms. Mathu Joyini, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of South Africa to the United Nations, and H.E. Mr. Thomas Woodroffe, United Kingdom Ambassador to the Economic and Social Council, to act as co-chairs for the eighth STI Forum.

I would like to thank Ambassador Joyini and Ambassador Woodroffe 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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President of ECOSOC

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