



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

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Excellency,

I write with reference to Action 43 as contained in the Pact for the Future, through which it committed to strengthening the work of the Economic and Social Council as a principal organ for coordination, policy review, policy dialogue and recommendations on issues of economic and social development, recognizing the key role of the Council in achieving a balanced integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development and supporting the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

Leaders, in adopting the Pact for the Future, requested the Council, through an inclusive intergovernmental process with the participation of all Member States, to explore options, in the context of the forthcoming thirtieth anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women, to revitalize the Commission on the Status of Women to promote the full and effective implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, to achieve gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls, and promote and protect their human rights and to ensure that the Commission is fit for purpose, while reaffirming the mandate of the Commission.

In line with this mandate, I have the honour to inform you that I have appointed H.E. Gladys Mokhawa, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Botswana to the United Nations and H.E. Fergal Mythen, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations, to cofacilitate a process to explore options to revitalize the Commission on the Status of Women.

I would like to thank Ambassador Mokhawa and Ambassador Mythen 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.

Bob Rae
President of ECOSOC

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