

30 July 2020

Excellency,

Further to my letter dated 24 July 2020, transmitting a proposal enabling the Economic and Social Council to continue to take decisions through the silence procedure outlined in its decisions 2020/205, 2020/206 and 2020/219 until the end of August, it is my pleasure to inform you that the silence procedure has concluded without objections.

Accordingly, Economic and Social Council decision 2021/203 entitled "Extension of the procedure for taking decisions of the Economic and Social Council during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic until the end of August 2020" is considered adopted by the Council and is in effect from 6:01 p.m. Wednesday, 29 July 2020. We will take note of this decision at the next plenary meeting of the Economic and Social Council at United Nations Headquarters.

Let me take this opportunity to once again express my solidarity with Member States who are fighting COVID-19 and extend my sincere condolences for their loss.

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

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President of the Economic and Social Council

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