

30 July 2020

Subject: Elections to subsidiary bodies through silence procedure

Excellency,

Further to the letters of my predecessor, Her Excellency Mona Juul, dated 12, 16 and 21 July 2020, I have the honour to write to you with regard to the outcome of the election to the Commission on Science and Technology for Development conducted by the Economic and Social Council in July 2020.

Reference is made to the letter dated 16 July circulated on e-deleGATE, placing under silence procedure a proposal contained in conference room paper 9 of the 2020 session, detailing the candidature and term for the election of one member (Brazil) to the Commission on Science and Technology for Development.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 46/235, members of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development are elected by the Council for a term of four years. The chapeau of conference room paper 9 correctly referred to an unfilled vacancy for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2021. However, the text of the proposed draft decision contained in conference room paper 9 included a typographical error, referring to an election for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2021.

Accordingly, I have requested the Secretariat to correct the term so as to reflect four years in the final decision as adopted.

The final text will be contained in decision 2020/201 E, which as previously informed is in effect from 11.01 a.m. on Tuesday, 21 July 2020. The Council will take note of decision 2020/201 E at its next plenary meeting to be held at the United Nations Headquarters.

All Permanent Representatives of States members
of the Economic and Social Council
cc: All Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers
to the United Nations New York

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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and Social Council