



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

28 October 2020

Excellency,

Consequent upon recent infections at a Mission of a Member State, I have received a letter from the Secretary General dated 27 October 2020 recommending that in order to observe necessary caution and in view of medical advice, in-person meetings be suspended until the end of the week. The Secretary General's letter is attached for your information.

I also believe that in order to fully assess the situation and to allow time for the necessary precautionary measures be taken by the Secretariat to protect health of all delegates and secretariat staff, it is advisable to suspend all in-person meetings at the UN Headquarters.

I have consulted the Bureau members of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and accordingly advise that ECOSOC would not hold any in-person meeting till the end of the week.

I will remain in touch with the Secretariat to share any further information as and when available.

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

Munir Akram
President of ECOSOC

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