

**Meeting of the Economic and Social Council with the Chairpersons of the ECOSOC Functional Commissions and Expert Bodies**

**31 January 2020, 10 am – 12 pm  
ECOSOC Chamber**

**Closing remarks by  
H.E. Ms. Mona Juul  
President of the Economic and Social Council**

Excellencies,  
Distinguished Chairs,  
Distinguished Bureau Members,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Thank you for your active and constructive participation in our annual meeting.

A summary of the meeting will be transmitted to the ECOSOC system and members of the Council.

I would again like to reiterate the importance of the upcoming review of the strengthening of ECOSOC resolution during the coming few months. It is important that we put our thinking hats on and see how this review can best improve the work of ECOSOC and its subsidiary bodies. We also still need to follow-up on important aspects of the resolution which I hope you will do in your respective intergovernmental bodies.

I look forward to your inputs to the thematic review of the HLPF. Please look at how to deliver on the decade of action in your specific area and provide evidence-based and expert guidance. The Secretariat will summarize all inputs in a report for the HLPF.

I know that, under the leadership of the Permanent Representative of Armenia, we will be able to use ECOSOC Integration Segment to discuss the most critical messages of your respective bodies on the kind of actions that can accelerate progress throughout the SDGs.

We look forward to hearing back from you on the important initiatives you have undertaken during the inaugural year of the Decade of Action to deliver on the SDGs.

Thank you.