Excellency,

Further to my letter dated 19 May 2020, transmitting a proposal enabling the Economic and Social Council to continue take decisions through the silence procedure outlined in its decision 2020/205 until the end of June as well as extend the procedure to encompass the Council’s sessional bodies and subsidiary organs, as well as the high-level political forum convened under the auspices of ECOSOC, it is my pleasure to inform you that the silence procedure has concluded without objections.

Accordingly, Economic and Social Council decision 2020/206 of 22 May 2020 entitled “Extension of the procedure for taking decisions of the Economic and Social Council during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic” is considered adopted by the Council and is in effect from 12:01 p.m. Friday, 22 May 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

Mona Juul
President of the Economic and Social Council