



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

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Excellency,

The 2020 session of the United Nations high-level political forum on sustainable development (HLPF) will be held under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) from 7 to 16 July 2020 in New York, including the three-day ministerial segment of the forum from 14 to 16 July 2020. The theme of the 2020 HLPF will be “*Accelerated action and transformative pathways: realizing the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development*”.

I wish to refer to General Assembly resolution 67/290 of 23 August 2013 entitled “*Format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development*”, by which the General Assembly decided that the HLPF under the auspices of ECOSOC shall result in a negotiated ministerial declaration for inclusion in the report of the Council to the General Assembly. The Assembly in the same resolution also decided that, in all meetings of the forum, every effort shall be made to reach consensus.

In this regard, I have the honour to inform you that I have appointed H.E. Ms. Amal Mudallali, Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations, and H.E. Mr. Georgi Velikov Panayotov, Permanent Representative of Bulgaria to the United Nations, to co-facilitate an open and transparent consultative process with Member States for the ministerial declaration of the 2020 HLPF, to allow the declaration to be adopted in the forum in July 2020.

I would like to thank Ambassadors Mudallali and Panayotov for having accepted this important responsibility and I trust you will extend your full support and cooperation to them.

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

Mona Juul
President of ECOSOC

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