

12 July 2020

## Subject: Elections to subsidiary bodies through silence procedure

## Excellency,

I have the honour to write to you with regard to elections to subsidiary and related bodies conducted by the Economic and Social Council. Further to decisions 2020/205 of 3 April 2020 and 2020/219 of 24 June 2020, and as outlined in the message dated 26 June 2020 circulated on the e-deleGATE platform of the Vice-President of the Council responsible for elections, His Excellency Munir Akram (Pakistan), the Council is invited to elect through a silence procedure candidates to bodies for which the number of candidatures is equal to or less than the number of vacancies to be filled for all the regional categories and for which no request for a secret ballot has previously been received. I note that elections to bodies for which secret balloting is required or was requested will be conducted at a later date.

In accordance with the two-step process outlined in the message dated 26 June 2020 addressed by the Vice-President, H.E. Munir Akram, to Member States, the list of candidates to bodies for which candidatures were received by the deadline of 5 p.m. on 3 July, and for which the number of candidatures is equal to or less than the number of vacancies to be filled for all the regional categories and for which no request for a secret ballot has previously been received, is attached to this letter. Please note that the complete list of candidates to all subsidiary and related bodies as of 5 p.m. on 3 July is posted on the e-deleGATE platform under ECOSOC announcements.

States members of the Council have an opportunity to provide any comments on the attached list by the deadline of Thursday, 16 July 2020 at 10.a.m. Any objections to proceed with the elections by silence procedure for any of the listed subsidiary or related bodies should be submitted in writing to the Vice-President of the Council responsible for elections, H.E. Munir Akram (attn: Mr. Muhammad Imran Khan, Permanent Mission of Pakistan, email: miklodhi@gmail.com), with a copy to the Secretariat (Ms. Rachel Stein-Holmes, email stein-holmes@un.org).

All Permanent Representatives of States members of the Economic and Social Council cc: All Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers Following the expiration of the 16 July deadline, I will circulate in a separate letter conference room papers containing proposals detailing the candidatures and terms for the election of members to each Council subsidiary body for which the number of candidatures are equal to or less than the number of vacancies to be filled for all the regional categories, and for which no objection was raised pursuant to rule 68 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council, and place these under a separate silence procedure of at least 72 hours.

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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