



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

24 July 2020

**Subject:** Draft decision entitled “Extension of the procedure for taking decisions of the Economic and Social Council during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic until the end of August 2020” (E/2021/L.2)

Excellency,

In accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 2020/205 of 3 April 2020, entitled, “Procedure for taking decisions of the Economic and Social Council during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic”, 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”, and decision 2020/219 of 24 June 2020 entitled “Extension of the procedure for taking decisions of the Economic and Social Council during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic until the end of July 2020”, it is my pleasure to place under silence procedure, until Wednesday, 29 July 2020, at 6 p.m., the enclosed draft decision entitled “Extension of the procedure for taking decisions of the Economic and Social Council during the coronavirus disease (COVID-10) pandemic until the end of August 2020”, to be issued as document E/2021/L.2, under agenda item 2 (Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters), and to be made available on the Official Document System (<https://documents.un.org/prod/ods.nsf/home.xsp>) in all official languages.

I have been informed that the adoption of the draft decision (E/2021/L.2) would not give rise to any budgetary implications.

Members of ECOSOC wishing to make statements in explanations of vote or non-members of the Council wishing to make general statements in connection with the draft decision are invited to refer to the procedure annexed to this letter.

Objections to the draft resolution (E/2021/L.2) by a member of ECOSOC should be done via a letter or note verbale addressed to the President of the ECOSOC. Such correspondence should be sent via email to [miklodhi@gmail.com](mailto:miklodhi@gmail.com). Please clearly indicate the title of the draft resolution in the subject line of the communication.

All Permanent Representatives and  
Permanent Observers to the United Nations  
New York

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.



**( Munir Akram )**

President of the Economic and Social  
Council

**ANNEX**  
**Explanation of vote/position**

Members of the Council wishing to make an explanation of vote/position and other Member States wishing to make a general statement in connection with the proposal, may do so in either of the following ways, without prejudice to the delegations' rights under the rules of procedure to explain their vote/position or the practice to allow delegations to deliver a general statement in connection with the proposal at the first plenary meeting to be held in order for the Council to take note of the decision after the cessation of the precautionary measures as soon as the circumstance allow:

- a. Option 1: Electronic versions of the statements in explanation of vote/position or general statements in connection with the draft proposal will be posted on the [e-deleGATE](#) portal, under ECOSOC announcements. Please indicate the title of the draft decision/resolution and symbol in the subject line of the e-mail to be sent to the Economic and Social Council Affairs Branch, DGACM (Catalina De Leon, email: [leonc@un.org](mailto:leonc@un.org)).
- b. Option 2: Council members and other Member States can address their communication to the President of the Economic and Social Council (to be sent to his office as per the details in the letter), which can then be circulated in a subsequent letter from the President to all members of the Council, with a copy to all other Member States for their information. Please clearly indicate the title of the draft decision/resolution and symbol in the subject line of the communication.



## Economic and Social Council

Distr.: Limited

24 July 2020

Original: English

***ADVANCE UNEDITED  
VERSION***

---

### 2021 session

23 July 2020–22 July 2021

Agenda item 2

**Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters**

**Draft decision submitted by the President of the Council, Munir Akram  
(Pakistan)**

**Extension of the procedure for taking decisions of the Economic  
and Social Council during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19)  
pandemic until the end of August 2020**

*The Economic and Social Council decides that its decisions 2020/205 of 3 April 2020, 2020/206 of 22 May 2020 and 2020/219 of 24 June 2020 shall continue to be in effect until the end of August 2020.*