

23 July 2020

Subject: Decisions and resolutions of the 2020 session of the Council adopted through silence procedure, proposals on which no action was taken and proposals on which silence was broken

Excellency,

As the Council transitions from the 2020 session to the 2021 session, I have the honour to refer to Council decision 2020/205 entitled “Procedure for taking decisions of the Economic and Social Council during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic”, as well as decision 2020/206 entitled “Extension of the procedure for taking decisions of the Economic and Social Council during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic” and decision 2020/2019 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”. With regard to decisions adopted under silence procedure, decision 2020/205 provides that “if the silence is not broken, the decision shall be considered adopted, and the Council shall take note of the decision at its first plenary meeting held after the cessation of the precautionary measures as soon as the circumstances allow”.

Given that circumstances did not allow the convening of an in-person meeting before 22 July, I am pleased to provide in the annex to this letter a list of the decisions and resolutions of the 2020 session of the Council adopted under silence procedure between 3 April and 22 July 2020.

In addition, the ECOSOC forum on financing for development follow-up adopted its intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations (see [E/FFDF/2020/3](#)).

I note that silence was broken on the draft resolution entitled “Report of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management on its ninth session and provisional agenda and dates of its tenth session” ([E/2020/L.10](#)).

His Excellency Munir Akram  
President of the Economic and Social Council  
for its 2021 session

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to the United Nations New York

Silence was also broken on the draft ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of the Council/high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the Council ([E/2020/L.20-E/HLPF/2020/L.1](#)).

No action was taken on the following draft proposals:

- Draft resolution entitled “Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations ([E/2020/L.13](#));
- Draft resolution entitled “New strategic vision of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia” (contained in the note by the Secretary-General [E/2020/12](#));
- Draft resolution entitled “Support to Non-Self-Governing Territories by the specialized agencies and international institutions associated with the United Nations ([E/2020/L.22 and Corr.1](#));
- Draft resolution entitled “Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan” ([E/2020/L.24](#));
- Draft resolution entitled “Situation of and assistance to Palestinian women” ([E/2020/L.25](#)).

In relation to elections to be conducted by the Council, elections to those subsidiary and related bodies for which one or more regional categories required secret balloting were postponed until the earliest possible time to hold those elections.

Let me take this opportunity to confirm my continued support to you as President and to the other members of the Bureau for the 2021 session of the Council.

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



Mona Juul  
President of the Economic and  
Social Council

## RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS ♦ ECOSOC 2020 SESSION

(adopted under silence procedure 3 April to 22 July 2020)

<i>Item</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Adoption under silence procedure</i>	<i>RESOLUTION #</i>	<i>DECISION #</i>
4	Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments	Passed without objection 21 April 2020, 10.01 AM		<b>2020/201 C</b>
19 (b)	Nomination of a member of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development	Passed without objection 18 June 2020, 4.01 PM		<b>2020/201 D</b>
4	Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments	Passed without objection 21 July 2020, 11.01 AM		<b>2020/201 E</b>
2	Procedure for taking decisions of the Economic and Social Council during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic	Passed without objection 3 April 2020, 5.01 PM		<b>2020/205</b>
2	Revised working arrangements for the 2020 session of the Economic and Social Council and sessions of its subsidiary bodies	Passed without objection 14 April 2020, 3.01 PM	<b>2020/3</b>	
2	Extension of the procedure for taking decisions of the Economic and Social Council during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic	Passed without objection 22 May 2020, 12.01 PM		<b>2020/206</b>
2	Further revised working arrangements for the 2020 session of the Economic and Social Council and sessions of its subsidiary bodies	Passed without objection 4 June 2020, 10.01 AM	<b>2020/4</b>	
11	Documentation considered by the Economic and Social Council in connection with the implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits	Passed without objection 18 June 2020, 4.01 PM		<b>2020/207</b>
17	Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations	Passed without objection 18 June 2020, 4.01 PM		<b>2020/208</b>
17	Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2020 regular session	Passed without objection 18 June 2020, 4.01 PM		<b>2020/209</b>
17	Deadline for the submission of quadrennial reports by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council	Passed without objection 18 June 2020, 4.01 PM		<b>2020/210</b>

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18 (c)	Strengthening coordination of the statistical programmes in the United Nations system	Passed without objection 18 June 2020, 4.01 PM	<b>2020/5</b>	
18 (c)	Report of the Statistical Commission on its fifty-first session and the provisional agenda and dates for the fifty-second session of the Commission	Passed without objection 18 June 2020, 4.01 PM		<b>2020/211</b>
19 (b)	Social dimensions of the New Partnership for Africa's Development	Passed without objection 18 June 2020, 4.01 PM	<b>2020/6</b>	
19 (b)	Affordable housing and social protection systems for all to address homelessness	Passed without objection 18 June 2020, 4.01 PM	<b>2020/7</b>	
19 (b)	Modalities for the fourth review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002	Passed without objection 18 June 2020, 4.01 PM	<b>2020/8</b>	
19 (b)	Report of the Commission for Social Development on its fifty-eighth session and provisional agenda and documentation for the fifty-ninth session	Passed without objection 18 June 2020, 4.01 PM		<b>2020/212</b>
19 (d)	Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its reconvened sixty-second session	Passed without objection 18 June 2020, 4.01 PM		<b>2020/213</b>
19 (d)	Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its sixty-third session and provisional agenda for its sixty-fourth session	Passed without objection 18 June 2020, 4.01 PM		<b>2020/214</b>
19 (d)	Report of the International Narcotics Control Board	Passed without objection 18 June 2020, 4.01 PM		<b>2020/215</b>
19 (f)	Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its sixty-fifth and sixty-sixth sessions	Passed without objection 18 June 2020, 4.01 PM		<b>2020/216</b>
19 (g)	International expert group meeting on the theme "Indigenous peoples and pandemics"	Passed without objection 18 June 2020, 4.01 PM		<b>2020/217</b>
19 (g)	Venue, dates and provisional agenda of the twentieth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues	Passed without objection 18 June 2020, 4.01 PM		<b>2020/218</b>
2	Extension of the procedure for taking decisions of the Economic and Social Council during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic	Passed without objection 24 June 2020, 4.01 PM		<b>2020/219</b>
12 (c)	Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system	Passed without objection 2 July 2020, 5.01 PM	<b>2020/9</b>	
18 (a)	Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its twenty-second session	Passed without objection 2 July 2020, 5.01 PM	<b>2020/10</b>	
12 (d)	Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti	Passed without objection 17 July 2020, 10.01 AM	<b>2020/11</b>	

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18 (b)	Assessment of the progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society	Passed without objection 17 July 2020, 10.01 AM	<b>2020/12</b>	
18 (b)	Science, technology and innovation for development	Passed without objection 17 July 2020, 10.01 AM	<b>2020/13</b>	
18 (b)	Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its twenty-third session and provisional agenda and documentation for the twenty-fourth session of the Commission	Passed without objection 17 July 2020, 10.01 AM		<b>2020/220</b>
18 (f)	Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its fifty-third session and provisional agenda for its fifty-fourth session	Passed without objection 17 July 2020, 10.01 AM		<b>2020/221</b>
18 (k)	[UNFF] Omnibus resolution	Passed without objection 17 July 2020, 10.01 AM	<b>2020/14</b>	
18 (k)	Report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its fifteenth session and provisional agenda for its sixteenth session	Passed without objection 17 July 2020, 10.01 AM		<b>2020/222</b>
19 (a)	Multi-year programme of work of the Commission on the Status of Women	Passed without objection 17 July 2020, 10.01 AM	<b>2020/15</b>	
19 (a)	Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its sixty-fourth session and provisional agenda and documentation for the sixty-fifth session of the Commission	Passed without objection 17 July 2020, 10.01 AM		<b>2020/223</b>
19 (c)	Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its reconvened twenty-eighth session	Passed without objection 17 July 2020, 10.01 AM		<b>2020/224</b>
11	Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011–2020	Passed without objection 22 July 2020, 2:01 PM	<b>2020/16</b>	
12(a)	Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its sixtieth session	Passed without objection 22 July 2020, 2:01 PM		<b>2020/225</b>
12(b)	ECOSOC to take note of the of the relevant sections of the proposed programme budget for 2021	Passed without objection 22 July 2020, 2:01 PM		<b>2020/226</b>
15	Revised terms of reference of the Committee on Environmental Policy	Passed without objection 22 July 2020, 2:01 PM	<b>2020/17</b>	
15	Revised terms of reference of the Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards	Passed without objection 22 July 2020, 2:01 PM	<b>2020/18</b>	
15	Change of name and revised terms of reference of the Working Group on Ageing	Passed without objection 22 July 2020, 2:01 PM	<b>2020/19</b>	
15	Deferral of the consideration of the draft resolution entitled “Revised terms of reference of the Inland Transport Committee	Passed without objection 22 July 2020, 2:01 PM		<b>2020/227</b>
15	Admission of Algeria and Somalia to membership in the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia	Passed without objection 22 July 2020, 2:01 PM	<b>2020/20</b>	

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18(g)	Report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its nineteenth session	Passed without objection 22 July 2020, 2:01 PM	<b>2020/21</b>	
18(g)	Dates and provisional agenda of the twentieth session of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration	Passed without objection 22 July 2020, 2:01 PM		<b>2020/228</b>
19(a)	Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on its seventy-third, seventy-fourth and seventy-fifth sessions	Passed without objection 22 July 2020, 2:01 PM		<b>2020/229</b>
19(c)	Revised provisional agenda for the twenty-ninth session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice	Passed without objection 22 July 2020, 2:01 PM		<b>2020/230</b>
12	Sustainable development in the Sahel	Passed without objection 22 July 2020, 10:01 PM		<b>2020/231</b>
12(a)	African countries emerging from conflict	Passed without objection 22 July 2020, 10:01 PM		<b>2020/232</b>
12(f)	United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases	Passed without objection 22 July 2020, 10:01 PM	<b>2020/22</b>	
18(h)	Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters	Passed without objection 22 July 2020, 10:01 PM		<b>2020/233</b>
7	Progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 71/243 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system	Passed without objection 22 July 2020, 10:01 PM	<b>2020/23</b>	