



The President
of the
Economic and Social Council

18 March 2021

**Special segment of the 2021 Financing for Development Forum
(12 April 2021)**

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to my letter, dated 1 February 2021, inviting Heads of State or Government and Ministers to participate in the **special segment of the 2021 forum on financing for development follow-up** to be held immediately after the opening of the Forum on **12 April**. The special segment is mandated by General Assembly resolution 75/208 to discuss “*concrete steps towards a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery from the economic downturn caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, in relation to the efforts towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and the implementation of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda*”.

COVID-19 has exposed and intensified deep-lying vulnerabilities, including unsustainable debt burdens, liquidity shortages and a lack of resilience of economic systems to global shocks. There is an urgent need to advance concrete and ambitious global action at the highest political level at a universal UN intergovernmental forum.


I would like to invite you to confirm the participation of your Heads of State or Government or Ministers at soon as possible in case you have not done so.

Please be reminded that delegations whose Heads of State or Government or Ministers wish to express an interest to speak during the Special Segment on 12 April should register through the **e-speakers module on the e-deleGATE portal (edelegate.un.int)**. Inscription will close on **7 April**.

Statements may be delivered **virtually (live)** or through a **pre-recorded video** and the time limit of 3 minutes will be strictly enforced. Please refer to the information note (attached) for more information.

Participating States not delivering a statement at the Special Segment, including those represented **below the Head of State/Government or Ministerial level**, may choose to **submit written statements** to ffdforum@un.org for posting on the Forum’s website.

Please accept, Excellency, assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Munir Akram', with a stylized flourish at the end.

H.E. Munir Akram
President of ECOSOC

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