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Dear Chairs of ECOSOC subsidiary bodies,

I am pleased to write to you as the sessions of functional commissions and other subsidiary bodies of the Council scheduled in the first half of 2022 begin their work and I would like to recognize the successful efforts you made to adjust working methods where needed and ensure business continuity against the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic during the 2020 and 2021 sessions of the Council. While the first weeks of 2022 have proved challenging, I am hopeful that the situation will improve as the session progresses and that a return to increased numbers of in-person meetings at UNHQ will be possible.

In preparation of your sessions in 2022, on behalf of the ECOSOC Bureau, I am pleased to share for your consideration the attached paper entitled “Consideration of implications of COVID-19-related limitations on in-person meetings for sessions of ECOSOC subsidiary bodies during the 2022 session of the Council”. I encourage you to be flexible in organizing your programme of work, taking into account the prevailing conditions and evolving situation. I also kindly request you to keep me informed of particular developments in relation to your body. Likewise, I will keep you informed of relevant decisions or developments in the Council.

I wish you success in your work and thank you for your cooperation during these challenging times.

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President of the Economic and
Social Council

To the Chairs of ECOSOC subsidiary bodies
cc: All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the United Nations
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