



**The Vice-President  
of the  
Economic and Social Council**

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Excellency,

I am writing to update you on the ongoing review of the work of the subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council mandated by General Assembly resolution 75/290 A of June 2021, a process that I have been entrusted to lead by the President of the Economic and Social Council.

According to the mandates, the review should ensure that subsidiary bodies are fully aligned with the 2030 Agenda and produce high-quality assessments and policy recommendations on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs, while promoting integrated and action-oriented approaches in doing so. It should also ensure that the subsidiary bodies adequately support the work of the Council while also furthering ways for the Council to better integrate their outcomes into its own work.

I have requested that the bureaus of all functional commissions and expert bodies of ECOSOC provide assessments and recommendations of the sessions of their respective bodies between now and April. These assessments are to be guided by a set of questions I prepared based on the mandates of General Assembly resolutions 75/290 A and 72/305.

For this review to lead to impactful results, real improvements and greater coherence and synergies in the work of the ECOSOC system, it is important that it is Member States-driven and Member States-owned, a point I have been emphasizing from the outset.

I invite you to provide your feedback during the sessions of the subsidiary bodies or through their Bureaus, as applicable. The discussions of the [2022 Coordination Segment](#) were very timely and the suggestions made during the Segment can feed into the review process.

My intention is to start informal consultations on the review of subsidiary bodies in early April, drawing from the recommendations emanating from the assessments of the various bureaus and the analysis and proposals by the bureau of ECOSOC. These consultations will include the

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full membership of the United Nations. The substantive recommendations but also the format of the outcome of the review process will also be decided collectively during those consultations. My objective is for us to reach an outcome before early June. More information and a roadmap on the review is available at the [ECOSOC subsidiary bodies website](#).

I count on your active participation, so that game changing recommendations can be formulated. Please kindly approach me at any time to share your preliminary views or questions.

We only have eight more years for the implementation of the SDGS and this is our chance to bring the subsidiary bodies in full alignment with the 2030 Agenda and increase their combined impact.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Stoeva', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lachezara Stoeva  
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