



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

14 July 2022

Excellency,

I am writing with regard to the Ministerial Declaration of the high-level segment of the 2022 session of the Economic and Social Council and the high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Council.

I would like to thank the two co-facilitators, Her Excellency Margo Deiye, Permanent Representative of Nauru and His Excellency Mr. Maurizio Massari, Permanent Representative of Italy, for their excellent conduct of the consultations on the Declaration and their tireless efforts to arrive at a text that reflects a broad consensus among delegations.

I would also like to thank all delegations for their efforts to negotiate a strong and meaningful Declaration. I believe we do have an excellent text for the Declaration that reflects the current situation regarding the Sustainable Development Goals and the major challenges we are facing. It provides key policy guidance related to building back better from COVID-19 while advancing the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the Goals under in-depth review this year.

I think we can be proud of our achievement. We have produced the kind of declaration that the high-level political forum on sustainable development and the high-level segment of ECOSOC should adopt to send to the world a powerful message about our unwavering commitment to the 2030 Agenda and to international solidarity.

I attach the text of the draft declaration, which I intend to present for action at the high-level political forum on 15 July and by ECOSOC on 18 July. The edited text is scheduled to be issued in all languages in the morning of 15 July.

I encourage all delegations to rally behind this text, which I understand enjoys broad support among delegations and to show maximum flexibility. I call on all delegations to make maximum efforts to adopt the draft declaration by consensus.

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

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President of ECOSOC

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