Excellency,

I write with reference to the intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations of the 2022 ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development follow-up (contained in E/FFDF/2022/3), in which Member States decided that the eighth FfD Forum will convene from 24 to 27 April 2023.

The FfD Forum modalities include those contained in General Assembly resolution 70/192 of 22 December 2015. The resolution requested the President of ECOSOC to take the steps necessary to prepare the work of the Forum, in accordance with paragraph 132 of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda. The resolution further invited the President of ECOSOC to consider appointing two co-facilitators, as appropriate.

In this regard, I have the honour to inform you that I have appointed H.E. Mr. Claver Gatete, Permanent Representative of Rwanda to the United Nations and H.E. Ms. Ana Paula Baptista Grade Zacarias, Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations, to act as co-facilitators for the preparation of the draft conclusions and recommendations of the 2023 FfD Forum and to facilitate consultations among Member States, with a view to reaching an intergovernmental agreement on that draft.

I would like to thank Ambassador Gatete and Ambassador Zacarias for accepting this responsibility and trust that you will extend your full cooperation and support to them.

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

Lachezara Stoeva
President of ECOSOC

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