The Chairperson designate of the
Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice
at its twenty-fifth session

13 April 2016

Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that, on 15 February 2016, the Western European and Others Group (WEOG) nominated me for the position of Chairperson of the 25th session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ). Your communication dated 17 March 2016, whereby the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council were invited to provide substantive contributions in preparation for the 2016 Integration Segment addressing the theme "Implementing the 2030 Agenda through Policy Innovation and Integration", has been brought to my attention by H.E. Ambassador Luis Alfonso de Alba (Mexico), the Chairperson of the 24th session of the Commission.

At the occasion of the 24th session in May 2015, the Commission decided to include a standing item entitled "Contributions to the work of the Economic and Social Council, in line with General Assembly resolution 68/1" in its agendas. The 25th session of the Commission will take place from 23 to 27 May 2016 and the following information has been included in the provisional agenda for consideration under agenda item 9.

Contributions by the Commission to the work of the Economic and Social Council, in line with General Assembly resolution 68/1

At its twenty-fourth session, in May 2015, the Commission decided to include a standing item on its agenda, focusing on its contributions to the work of the Economic and Social Council, in line with General Assembly resolution 68/1. Pursuant to that resolution, the Council is expected to, inter alia, ensure the harmonization and coordination of the agendas and work programmes of the functional commissions by promoting a clearer division of labour among them and providing clear policy guidance to them. In accordance with that resolution, the Commission has been contributing, as appropriate, to the Council's work relating to its annual framework common themes. The theme for the 2016 session of the Council is: "Implementing the post-2015 development agenda: moving from commitments to results".

In September 2015, the Assembly adopted resolution 70/1, entitled "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development". In that resolution it is foreseen that thematic reviews of progress on the Sustainable Development Goals, including cross-cutting issues, will be held by the high-level political forum on sustainable development and supported by reviews by the functional commissions of the Council and other intergovernmental bodies and forums. The forum, which has a central role in overseeing a network of follow-up and review processes, will hold annual meetings under the auspices of the Council, which will pave the ground for quadrennial forum meetings under the auspices of the General Assembly. To support the forum, the Commission might wish to consider identifying among the Sustainable Development Goals and targets those that are most closely related and relevant to its mandates. The Commission might also wish to consider amending the title of its standing agenda item to include an explicit reference to "follow-up, review and implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development" and to define the documentation needed to effectively discuss this item.

I will be pleased to inform ECOSOC about the deliberations held under that agenda item and would like to take this opportunity to reassure you that the Commission looks forward to continuing to contribute to the goals and objectives of the Economic and Social Council, as outlined in General Assembly resolution 68/1.

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

Yours sincerely,

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