Decision type:

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Title:

Procedure for taking decisions of the Economic and Social Council during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic

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Agenda item:

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Plenary

Decision text:

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting with concern the situation concerning the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the limitations recommended on meetings within the United Nations premises as precautionary measures aimed at containing the spread of COVID-19,

Authorized the President of the Economic and Social Council, where, in her view, a plenary meeting of the Council is not practicable due to the coronavirus pandemic, to circulate, after consultation with the Bureau of the Council, draft decisions of the Council to all members of the Council, with copy to all other Member States for their information, under a silence procedure of at least 72 hours,

Decided that, if the silence is not broken, the decision shall be considered adopted, and the Council shall take note of the decision at its first plenary meeting held after the cessation of the precautionary measures as soon as the circumstances allow, and that this decision on the procedure for taking of decisions of the Economic and Social Council shall be in effect until the end of May 2020 unless extended through this procedure.