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The Secretariat of the United Nations presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions of Member States and to the Permanent Observers of Non-Member States to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to General Assembly resolution 70/1 (Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development), which in its paragraph 70 requests the Secretary-General to appoint, for a period of two years, 10 representatives from civil society, the private sector, and the scientific community to support the Technology Facilitation Mechanism.

The second such group was appointed by the Secretary-General on 3 April 2018 and its term would ordinarily have expired on 2 April 2020.

The mandate for the 10 Member Group is closely linked to and defined by their function to prepare the STI Forum, with each group expected to contribute towards two successive STI-Forums.

Due to the global COVID-19 pandemic, the Economic and Social Council decided to defer the STI Forum scheduled for 2020 to the following year. As a result, and in order to support the delivery of its mandated responsibility, the Secretary-General has approved the extension of the term of the current 10-Member Group into May 2021 through the STI Forum 2021.

The third such group will be constituted in early 2021. Nominations already received towards membership of that group will continue to be valid. A renewed call for nominations will also be issued in due course.

The Secretariat of the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions of Member States and to the Permanent Observers of Non-Member States to the United Nations, the assurances of its highest consideration.



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