



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

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Excellency,

Following our recent conversations, I am writing to thank you for your willingness to co-chair the seventh Multi-Stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the SDGs (STI Forum) together with the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Sergiy Kyslytsya. Please accept my sincere appreciation for your leadership and support in ensuring the success of the 2022 STI Forum by Tanzania.

The on-going crisis has shown the unique value of science, technology and innovation (STI) in protecting people's lives and in realizing the SDGs. I firmly believe that STI, when properly harnessed, can bring about the transformative change needed for the success of the 2030 Agenda.

I am looking forward to your continuing support towards the STI Forum, and I am confident that with your and Ukraine's further engagement, we will continue to enhance the impact of STI on the SDGs. I also look forward to a successful Forum under your able leadership and to working with you on these and other important ECOSOC initiatives.

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

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