



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

27 October 2025

Excellency,

I write with reference to General Assembly resolution 69/313 of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda which established a Technology Facilitation Mechanism including a collaborative Multi-stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals (hereafter STI Forum), and to resolution 70/1 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development which launched the Technology Facilitation Mechanism in September 2015. I also refer to the recent resolution of working arrangements for the 2026 session of the Economic and Social Council (E/RES/2026/1), in which Member States decided that the eleventh Multi-stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals will convene from 6 to 7 May 2026.

As requested by General Assembly resolution 70/1, the President of ECOSOC will convene the meetings of the STI Forum to discuss science, technology and innovation cooperation around thematic areas for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals. The General Assembly also decided that the meetings of the Forum will be co-chaired by two Member States and will result in a summary of discussions elaborated by the two co-Chairs, as an input to the meetings of the high-level political forum.

In this regard, I have the honour to inform you that, after consultations, I have decided to appoint H.E. Mr. Chola Milambo, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Zambia to the United Nations and H.E. Mr. Gregor W. Koessler, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations, to act as co-chairs for the eleventh STI Forum.

I would like to thank Ambassador Milambo and Ambassador Koessler 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lok Bahadur Thapa".

Lok Bahadur Thapa
President of ECOSOC

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