



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

18 April 2023

Excellency,

I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the hard work and dedication of the co-facilitators of the conclusions and recommendations of the 2023 ECOSOC Financing for Development Forum (FfD Forum) follow-up, H.E. Ana Paula Zacarias, Permanent Representative of Portugal, and H.E. Claver Gatete, Permanent Representative of Rwanda, and their teams. The inclusive and transparent manner in which they led the negotiations was critical to successfully addressing all issues raised.

After having conducted consultations over the weekend and on Monday, I share the assessment of the co-facilitators that the text circulated with their letter dated 13 April 2023 constitutes the best effort to reach an outcome that would enjoy consensus. I therefore present the draft outcome document as transmitted to me by the co-facilitators, to be issued as E/FFDF/2023/L.1.

I thank all delegations for their flexibility and constructive approach during the negotiations. Through our collective efforts I believe we have achieved an outcome that responds to the extraordinary circumstances we are confronted with.

I look forward to the consensual adoption of the document on Thursday, 20 April.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lachezara Stoeva', written in a cursive style.

Lachezara Stoeva
President of ECOSOC

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