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Subject: United Nations Statistical Commission – 52nd session

Excellency,

I refer to my letter of 18 February 2021 placing under informal silence procedure, until Wednesday 24 February 2021 at 3 p.m., the election of the Bureau of the United Nations Statistical Commission at its fifty-second session.

I am pleased to inform you that the informal silence procedure on the following candidates has concluded without objections: Mr. KAWASAKI Shigeru (Japan) as Chair of the Commission, Mr. Anil Arora (Canada), Ms. Gabriella Vukovich (Hungary) and Mr. Julio Alfonso Santaella Castell (Mexico) as Vice-Chairs, and Mr. Osman Alimamy Sankoh (Sierra Leone) as Rapporteur of the Commission.

Further, it is my pleasure to inform you that the informal silence procedure has also concluded without objection on the adoption of the following draft proposals, contained in the aforementioned letter dated 18 February:

- (i) adoption of the provisional agenda contained in document E/CN.3/2021/1;
- (ii) adoption of the provisional programme of work contained in document E/CN.3/2021/L.1 and;
- (iii) approval of the entities (Intergovernmental organizations (IGOs)) listed in document E/CN.3/2021/CRP.1 to participate in the session as observers.

In the absence of objections during the informal silence procedure, it is my understanding that the Commission agrees to above-referenced draft proposals on the election of the Bureau, provisional agenda (E/CN.3/2021/1), provisional programme or work (E/CN.3/2021/L.1), and approval of the entities (Intergovernmental organizations (IGOs)) listed in document E/CN.3/2021/CRP.1 and shall proceed on this basis.

I plan to place these decisions for formal adoption, together with the draft report, in accordance with ECOSOC decision 2021/213 of 24 February 2021, entitled “Procedure for taking decisions of the sessional bodies and subsidiary organs of the Economic and Social Council during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic at the 2021 session of the Council” which authorized its sessional bodies and subsidiary organs to apply the decision-making procedure set out in ECOSOC decision 2020/205 of 3 April 2020.

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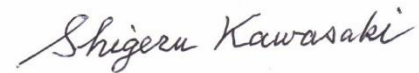
The aforementioned documents are available on the website of the Statistical Commission at <https://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/52nd-session/documents>.

I count on the understanding, support and cooperation of the Commission members and sincerely hope that the Commission's longstanding tradition of decision-making by consensus will be maintained, particularly given the extraordinary and unprecedented situation of the pandemic.

I avail myself of this opportunity to express my solidarity with Member States who are fighting COVID-19 and extend my sincere condolences for their loss.

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

Yours sincerely,



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Chair
Statistical Commission

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