

18 February 2021

Subject: United Nations Statistical Commission – 52nd session

Excellency,

I am writing with regard to the 52nd session of the United Statistical Commission to be convened on a virtual platform from 1-3, and 5 March 2021.

With respect to the election of the Vice-Chairs and Rapporteur for the 52nd session, I am pleased to inform you that I have received, through the Secretariat, the following nominations:

Mr. KAWASAKI Shigeru, (Japan) (Chair)
Mr. Anil Arora (Canada) (Vice-Chair)
Dr. Gabriella Vukovich (Hungary) (Vice-Chair)
Dr. Julio Alfonso Santaella Castell (Mexico) (Vice-Chair)
Mr. Osman Alimamy Sankoh (Sierra Leone) (Rapporteur)

I wish to propose that each of the above-mentioned candidates be elected as Chair, vice-Chair or Rapporteur for the 52nd session of the Statistical Commission. Accordingly, the proposal to elect Mr. KAWASAKI Shigeru (Japan) as the Chair, and Mr. Anil Arora (Canada), Dr. Gabriella Vukovich (Hungary), and Dr. Julio Alfonso Santaella Castell (Mexico) as Vice-Chairs, and the proposal to elect Mr. Osman Alimamy Sankoh (Sierra Leone) as Rapporteur of the 52nd session of the Statistical Commission, are placed under an informal silence procedure until Wednesday 24 February at 3 p.m.

It is also my pleasure to place under informal silence procedure, until 3 p.m. Wednesday 24 February, the following draft proposals:

- (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.

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

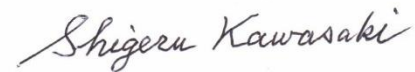
United Nations  Nations Unies

After the deadline of Wednesday 24 February at 3 p.m. the proposals will be considered as agreed. Meanwhile, if you any inquiries, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Stefan Schweinfest, Director, UN Statistics Division (schweinfest@un.org), Ms. Linda Hooper, UN Statistics Division (hooper@un.org) and Mr. Irfan Soomro, Secretary of the Commission (soomroi@un.org). Following an informal agreement on the election of the Bureau, provisional agenda, provisional programme of work, and approval of requesting entities (IGOs), further information on their formal adoption by the Statistical Commission will be provided at a later date closer to the commencement of the session in light of the guidance from ECOSOC.

Let me also take 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,



Shigeru Kawasaki
Chair
Statistical Commission

All Permanent Representatives and Permanent
Observers to the United Nations, New York