Subject: 53rd session of the United Nations Statistical Commission

Excellency,

I am writing with regard to the 53rd session of the United Nations Statistical Commission to be held on a virtual platform from 28 February to 2 March and on 4 March 2022 pursuant to ECOSOC decision 2022/313.

By decision 2022/312 of 16 February 2022, in reference to its decision 220/205 of 3 April 2020, ECOSOC allowed its subsidiary bodies exceptionally and only in view of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic to take decisions by silence procedure of at least 72 hours.

Election of the Bureau for the 53rd session of the Statistical Commission

With respect to the election of the Bureau for the 53rd session, I am pleased to inform that I have received the following nominations:

Ms. Gabriella Vukovich (Hungary) as Chair;
Mr. Juan Daniel Oviedo Arango (Colombia) as Vice-Chair;
Mr. Georges-Simon Ulrich (Switzerland) as Vice-Chair;
Mr. Osman Alimamy Sankoh (Sierra Leone) as Vice-Chair; and
Mr. RYU Keunkwan (Republic of Korea) as Rapporteur.

After consultation with the Bureau, I propose that each of the above-mentioned candidates be elected for the position as above indicated for the 53rd session of the Statistical Commission.

If I do not receive an objection until Thursday, 24 February 2022, at 6 p.m., the above mentioned Bureau will be considered elected.

Agenda, programme of work and list of observers

After consultation with the Bureau, I also place under silence procedure, until Thursday, 24 February 2022, at 6 p.m., the following draft proposals:

(a) adoption of the provisional agenda contained in document E/CN.3/2022/1;
(b) adoption of the provisional programme of work contained in document E/CN.3/2022/L.1/Rev.1;
(c) approval of the entities (Intergovernmental organizations (IGOs)) listed in document E/CN.3/2022/CRP.1 to participate in the session as observers.


**Objections**

Objections should be sent until Thursday, 24 February 2022, at 6 p.m. to my attention via the Secretariat: statistics@un.org and copy to Ms. Claudia Gross, Secretary of the Commission (claudia.gross@un.org), Mr. Stefan Schweinfest, Director, UN Statistics Division (schweinfest@un.org), Ms. Linda Hooper, UN Statistics Division (hooper@un.org).

After the deadline, the proposals will be considered as adopted.

For questions, please do not hesitate to also contact the Secretariat.

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

Yours sincerely,

Shigeru Kawasaki
Chair
Statistical Commission

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