



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

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Dear Dr. Polzer,

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to you for your participation at the 2016 ECOSOC Youth Forum. Your expertise and knowledge greatly contributed to the success of this event.

The Forum was the first major event at the United Nations to discuss the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development since its launch on 1 January 2016. It has successfully put youth at the centre of national and global efforts towards achieving the Goals set by world leaders a few months ago.

At the Forum, the international community recognized that young people are not only the beneficiaries of development assistance but also drivers for change. As a moderator at the Forum, you have helped clarify how young people can be key partners in this endeavour. I trust that the views expressed, the calls made and the initiatives presented at the Forum, among which the launching of UN system's Global Initiative on Decent Jobs for Youth, will mobilize energies towards sustainable progress at the national, regional and global levels.

The United Nations Economic and Social Council will pursue its efforts to give the youth the place they deserve in the architecture for the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda. I hope I can count on your continued engagement in that respect. Your participation in future Fora of the Council will always be welcome and appreciated.

Please note that a Presidential Statement has been issued, available at http://www.un.org/en/ecosoc/president/statement_2016/youth_forum-presidential_statement_2016.pdf, and that a more detailed summary will be finalized soon with a view to be presented to the High level Political Forum on Sustainable Development and the High level Segment of the Council in July 2016.

Again, my sincere thanks for your participation at the Economic and Social Council 2016 Youth Forum.

Yours sincerely,

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