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The United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs presents its compliments to the Permanent Representatives to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to General Assembly resolution 70/1 (Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development), which in its paragraph 70 requests the Secretary-General to appoint, for periods of two years, 10 representatives from civil society, the private sector, and the scientific community to support the Technology Facilitation Mechanism.

The second such group was appointed by the Secretary-General on 3 April 2018 (https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/tfm). The term of the current group of 10 representatives expires on 2 April 2020. In this regard, the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs has the honour to invite Member States to submit nominations of candidates to serve as members of the 10-member group.

The United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs would appreciate if Permanent Missions interested in submitting nominations could communicate by **20 March 2020**, the biographic notes of the nominated candidates to Mr. Chaudhry Iqbal, Office of the Director, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (phone: +1.212.963.8563; email: iqbalc@un.org).

The United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Representatives to the United Nations, the assurances of its highest consideration.

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