



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

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Excellency,

I am writing in relation to Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) at the 2021 high-level political forum on sustainable development (HLPF) and with the reference to my letter dated 30 July 2020 asking you to express your wish to present your VNR at the 2021 HLPF.

I am glad to inform you that to date 30 countries have expressed their wish to present VNRs. I commend these countries and would like to inform that they have been accepted to present their VNRs at the 2021 HLPF. These 30 countries include: Angola, Azerbaijan**, Bahamas*, Bhutan*, Bolivia, Chad*, China*, Czech Republic*, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark*, Germany*, Guatemala**, Iraq*, Lao People's Democratic Republic*, Madagascar*, Malaysia*, Marshall Islands, Mexico**, Myanmar, Norway*, Pakistan*, Paraguay*, Qatar**, Sierra Leone**, Slovakia*, Spain*, Sweden*, Thailand* Uruguay** and Zimbabwe* (countries with one asterisk * are second timers and those with two asterisks ** are third timers)

However, as the number I referred to in my letter was 42, there is still room for twelve more countries to express their wish to present VNR at the 2021 HLPF. I would take this opportunity to especially encourage those that have not yet presented a VNR to avail this opportunity afterwards.

I will be accepting new proposals **until Friday, 16 October 2020** the list will be closed as countries need sufficient time to prepare their VNRs.

I look forward to working with all of you in preparing for a successful 2021 meeting of the HLPF.

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

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President of ECOSOC

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