

The President of the Economic and Social Council

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Excellency,

I am writing in relation to voluntary national reviews at the 2019 high-level political forum on sustainable development (HLPF), which will be convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council.

Based on the number of the formal requests received to date, I would like to inform you that the following 36 countries (those with * coming for the second time) have expressed their wish to present voluntary national reviews at 2020 HLPF: Argentina*, Austria, Bangladesh*, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Costa Rica*, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Finland*, Gambia, Georgia*, Honduras*, India*, Jordan*, Kyrgyz Republic, Liberia, Libya, Malawi, Micronesia, Morocco*, Niger*, North Macedonia, Panama*, Papua New Guinea, Peru*, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa*, Seychelles*, Slovenia*, Solomon Islands, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda*, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, and Zambia.

Based on the experience from this and previous years' HLPFs, and without prejudging the outcome of the review of the resolutions on the HLPF by the General Assembly at its 74th session, I would like to inform you that the maximum number of countries presenting during the Ministerial Segment of the 2020 HLPF cannot exceed 42. Once this number has been reached, we will close the list and I will inform the countries of the final list, giving priority to those who are presenting their voluntary national review for the first time.

I look forward to working with all of you in preparing for a successful 2020 meeting of the HLPF.

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

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