



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

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Excellency,

I wish to thank all the countries who expressed their interest in conducting a voluntary national review (VNR) at the July 2023 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF), under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council.

I would like to refer to my letter of 28 July 2022, in which I informed Member States about the forthcoming VNRs and conveyed the non-exhaustive list of countries that had already expressed their interest in presenting a VNR in 2023. A total of 55 countries have communicated their interest in presenting a VNR at the 2023 HLPF.

Unfortunately, given the fixed number of days allocated to the Forum and the need for the programme to address its various mandates, the number of VNR presentations during the July 2023 HLPF must be limited to 42, as also indicated in my initial letter.

Accordingly, I am sharing the list of presenters of VNRs in July 2023. It has been established taking into account the following criteria: first-time presenters (2); countries that have not yet presented a VNR during the on-going four-year cycle (2020-2023) of the HLPF (33); and countries that have presented only one VNR (7). As you are aware, while recognizing the voluntary nature of the VNRs, the General Assembly, in its latest resolution on the HLPF review (75/290B) encouraged countries to conduct a VNR once during the four-year cycle of the HLPF (annex, paragraph 18).

Accordingly, I am pleased to communicate the final list of presenters at the 2023 HLPF in July, which is as follows: Bahrain, Barbados, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Canada, Central African Republic, Comoros, Chile, Croatia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, European Union, Fiji, France, Guyana, Iceland, Ireland, Kuwait, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Maldives, Mongolia, Oman, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Slovakia, St Kitts & Nevis, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Timor-Leste, Turkmenistan, United Republic of Tanzania, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Zambia.

I regret that not all applications could be accommodated. I encourage countries who could not be accommodated in the list for the 2023 HLPF to defer their presentation to 2024.

I look forward to working closely with all of you in preparing for successful VNR presentations at the 2023 HLPF.

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

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