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Excellency.

On behalf of the Swiss Confederation, I would like to offer my congratulations on your newly election as the President of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC).

Switzerland presented a comprehensive Voluntary National Review (VNR) as part of the HLPF in 2018. Since then, we have been exchanging experiences with numerous countries and actors and have taken important steps towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

Switzerland has significantly contributed to the development of the 2030 Agenda and has actively advocated for an effective mechanism for regular monitoring and review of progress. The HLPF must remain at the core of an effective follow-up and review mechanism, which contributes to a sound implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

I am therefore pleased to announce that Switzerland would like to present its next comprehensive VNR at the 2022 HLPF. With this in mind, it recently adopted a new 2030 Sustainable Development Strategy, which now constitutes the main framework for Switzerland's policy in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

Switzerland will continue to engage in an open and constructive dialogue in the spirit of our common vision to transform the world by 2030.

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