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H. E. Mr. Munir Akram
President of the Economic and Social Council,
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Your Excellency,

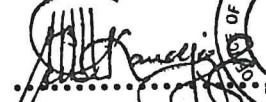
Subject: Intention to present the Voluntary National Review (VNR) Report at the United Nations High Level Political Forum (HLPF) in July 2021 in New York.

Your correspondence dated September 28th, 2020, refers.

1. I hereto make reference to the 2021 High-Level Political Forum on sustainable development (HLPF), to be convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) in July 2021.
2. With reference to the General Assembly Resolution 70/1, I have the honor to request that Namibia be inscribed on the list of countries participating in the Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) scheduled for the 2021 HLPF.
3. Namibia attaches immense importance to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and looks forward to sharing her experiences, including successes, challenges and lessons learned. This will be the second occasion where Namibia presents her VNR at the HLPF.

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

Yours Sincerely,



Hon. Obeth M. Kamujeze
Director - General



Cc: Hon. Netumbo Nandi Ndeitwah (MP) –
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Ms. Rebecca Iiyambo
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Dear Colleague,

SUBJECT: INTENTION TO PRESENT THE VOLUNTARY NATIONAL REVIEW (VNR) REPORT AT THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM (HLPF) IN JULY 2021 IN NEW YORK.

This letter serves to inform you that, the National Planning Commission as the coordinator of both Bilateral and Multilateral Development Programmes is currently in the process of making the necessary logistical arrangements for the 2021 Voluntary National Review (VNR) Report at the High Level Political Forum (HLPF) in New York. The VNRs are part of the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development which are intended to track progress in implementing the 2030 Agenda in all member states.


As you might be aware, Namibia presented her first VNR in July 2018 which is a commitment by member States to report after every two years. Namibia is expected to report again in July 2021 under the coordination of the National Planning Commission (NPC).

As part of the preparatory process and logistical procedures, Namibia reaffirms her commitment to VNR reporting and would like to communicate her decision to conduct the 2021 VNR to the Namibian Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York.

Considering the above, NPC requests the Ministry of International Relations and Cooperation to transmit the attached letter to the President of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) to communicate the decision that Namibia has undertaken to present the 2021 VNR.

I solicit for your kind assistance in this regard.

Yours Sincerely,


WILHENCIA UIRAS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



The President
of the
Economic and Social Council

28 September 2020

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.

Munir Akram
President of ECOSOC

All Permanent Representatives and
Observers to the United Nations
New York