



**THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY**



**THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE ECONOMIC AND  
SOCIAL COUNCIL**

18 October 2021

Excellency,

Reference is made to the letter dated 3 June 2019, co-signed by the President of the General Assembly at its 73rd session, and the President of the Economic and Social Council at its 2019 session, regarding the establishment of an Informal Group of Friends of the Voluntary National Reviews, follow-up and review of the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF).

In this regard, we are pleased to inform you that the Group of Friends will continue its work under the co-chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Omar Hilale, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Morocco to the United Nations and H.E. Mr. Enrique Austria Manalo, Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Philippines to the United Nations.

The Group will continue to support the countries presenting Voluntary National Reviews at the July 2022 session of the HLPF and contribute as needed to the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 67/290 and 70/299, particularly in relation to the format and organizational aspects of the HLPF.

We wish to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to Ambassador Juan Sandoval Mendiola, Deputy-Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations, for his leadership in chairing the Group for the past two years, preparing the groundwork of the Group and its successful contributions.

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

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