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Excellency,

With reference to your letter of 12 September 2018 regarding the voluntary national reviews at the High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF), I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter from H.E. Mr Marko Bandelli, Minister for Development, Strategic Projects and Cohesion of the Republic of Slovenia, expressing the interest of the Republic of Slovenia to conduct a voluntary national review at the HLPF in 2020.

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

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**Voluntary National Review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable development - Slovenia**

Your Excellency,

I writing in regards to the voluntary national reviews (VNR) at the 2020 high-level political forum on sustainable development. Based on previously communicated Slovenia's national schedule of VNR processes and as a response you Your letter from 12 September, please allow me to officially express Slovenia's interest in presenting its VNR at the 2020 high level political forum on sustainable development.

Slovenia presented its first VNR at the high level political forum in 2017. We decided to incorporate the goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda in Slovenia's new national development framework to avoid duplication and to respond to national circumstances, capacities, needs, and priorities. However, the decision to participate the VNR in the second year since the adoption of the 2030 Agenda also had another reason. For Slovenia, the VNR process served as a significant and helpful tool to raise awareness among stakeholders, to internalise the ownership among ministries, and to understand the universal nature of the 2030 Agenda as well as to foster coordination and cooperation to track the progress in implementing the global goals.

The process was led by the Government Office for Development and European Cohesion Policy, which is responsible for the preparation and implementation of the new Slovenian development framework and which also functions as a focal point for the 2030 Agenda. Although the process of preparing the VNR has been government-led and government-driven, the review also included contributions from representatives of youth, civil society, and the private sector. Various stakeholders were also included in the drafting of key national development frameworks: the whole-of-society Vision of Slovenia and Slovenia's new development strategy. The Slovenian approach is based on a clear political commitment that Slovenia, while realising its own development path sustainably and inclusively, is also firmly aware of its responsibility for world peace and prosperity.

In order to provide as sufficiently follow-up to our first VNR and to review our progress in achieving the targets and goals defined in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Slovenia wishes to present its next VNR in 2020.

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

Marko Bandelli  
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Strategic Projects and Cohesion

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