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H.E. Mrs. Mona Juul
President of the United Nations Economic
and Social Council - 2020 Session

Your Excellency,

Allow me to restate the best wishes of my country on your election, on 25 July 2019, as the seventy-fifth President of the Economic and Social Council.

In attention to your letter, dated 30 July 2019 on VNR's, and taking into account the active involvement, progress and challenges of Ecuador in achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, it is a pleasure to inform the decision of the Government of Ecuador to present its Voluntary National Review during the 2020 HLPF, under the auspices of ECOSOC.

In this regard I would highly appreciate to be timely informed on the next steps of the process, in order to present a concise yet meaningful national review.

Please accept, Her Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Helena Yáñez Loza
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of Ecuador to the United Nations
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The President of the
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30 July 2019

Excellency,

I am writing in relation to voluntary national reviews at the 2019 high-level political forum on sustainable development (HLPF), which will be convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council.

Based on the number of the formal requests received to date, I would like to inform you that the following 36 countries (those with * coming for the second time) have expressed their wish to present voluntary national reviews at 2020 HLPF: Argentina*, Austria, Bangladesh*, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Costa Rica*, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Finland*, Gambia, Georgia*, Honduras*, India*, Jordan*, Kyrgyz Republic, Liberia, Libya, Malawi, Micronesia, Morocco*, Niger*, North Macedonia, Panama*, Papua New Guinea, Peru*, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa*, Seychelles*, Slovenia*, Solomon Islands, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda*, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, and Zambia.

Based on the experience from this and previous years' HLPFs, and without prejudging the outcome of the review of the resolutions on the HLPF by the General Assembly at its 74th session, I would like to inform you that the maximum number of countries presenting during the Ministerial Segment of the 2020 HLPF cannot exceed 42. Once this number has been reached, we will close the list and I will inform the countries of the final list, giving priority to those who are presenting their voluntary national review for the first time.

I look forward to working with all of you in preparing for a successful 2020 meeting of the HLPF.

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

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Morfa Juul', written in a cursive style.

Morfa Juul
President of ECOSOC

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