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The Secretariat of the United Nations presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions of Member States to the United Nations and has the honour to extend an invitation to nominate candidates for the Independent Group of Scientists to draft the second quadrennial Global Sustainable Development Report to be launched in 2023. The first Report can be found at <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/gsdr2019>.

As specified in the Annex to the Ministerial Declaration of the high-level segment of the 2016 session of the Economic and Social Council, and the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, convened under the auspices of the Council (E/2016/L.24-E/HLPF/2016/L.2), the Independent Group of Scientists is to comprise 15 experts representing a variety of backgrounds, scientific disciplines and institutions, ensuring geographical and gender balance. The Group will be appointed for each Global Sustainable Development Report by the Secretary-General in open, transparent and inclusive consultations with Member States, including the possibility of taking nominations from Member States.

The Group will be constituted within January 2020.

Member States interested in nominating experts to the Independent Group of Scientists are invited to submit the curriculum vitae and most recent publications (if available) of the candidate by 20 December 2019 to the following address:

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