



The President of the
Economic and Social
Council

30 July 2020

Excellency,

I am writing in relation to voluntary national reviews at the 2021 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 15 countries have expressed their wish to present voluntary national reviews at 2021 HLPF: Angola, Bhutan*, Bolivia, China*, Czech Republic*, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Germany*, Lao People's Democratic Republic*, Madagascar*, Marshall Islands, Slovakia, Spain*, Sweden*, Thailand* and Zimbabwe*(countries with an asterix are* coming for the second time).

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 75th session, I would like to inform you that the maximum number of countries presenting during the Ministerial Segment of the 2021 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 would, therefore, kindly ask you to express your wish to present your VNR at 2021 HLPF by informing me through a letter.

I look forward to working with all of you in preparing for a successful 2021 meeting of the HLPF.

Excellency, please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Munir Akram', written over a horizontal line.

Munir Akram
President of ECOSOC

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Observers to the United Nations
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