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The Permanent Mission of the Independent State of Samoa to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations, Department of Economics and Social Affairs and has the honour to attached herewith a letter from the Permanent Representative of Samoa to the United Nations, H.E Ali'ioaiga Feturi Elisaia addressed to the President of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), H.E Ms Inga Rhonda King conveying the Government of Samoa's wish to be included on the list of participating countries for Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) for the 2020 HLPF session.

The Permanent Mission has further the honour to request the assistance of the Secretariat in ensuring the attached letter is received by the President of ECOSOC.

The Permanent Mission of the Independent State of Samoa to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the assurances of its highest consideration.

9 April 2018



United Nations Secretariat
Department of Economic and Social Affairs



**PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF SAMOA
TO THE UNITED NATIONS**

Tuesday, 9 April 2019

H.E Ms. Inga Rhonda King
President of the Economic and Social Council
United Nations
New York

Dear Madam President,

I refer to the 2020 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) to be convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) in July 2020, and wish to formally convey my Government's interest to be included as a participating country in the Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) during the said HLPF session.

As will be recalled, Samoa was the first Small Island Developing State amongst the twenty-two member states that presented their VNRs during the inaugural ECOSOC-led VNR process in 2016. We attach great importance to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the VNR provides an excellent and timely platform for all member states to share experiences, including success, opportunities, challenges and lessons learned. Consequently, we are keen and prepared to report back to the UN community through our second VNR in 2020 on our experience to date on the implementation of the SDGs.

I thank you for your sterling and steadfast leadership in championing the needs of the marginalized and for providing space for all stakeholders with a role to play in the realization of the SDGs to ensure that there is inclusivity in our approach and no one is left behind in our global journey.

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

Sincerely,

Ali'ioaiga Feturi Elisaia