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Excellency,

I refer to your letter dated 30th July 2019, on which you has informed the list inclusive of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) who had expressed its wish to present the voluntary national review (VNR) at 2020 high-level forum on sustainable development (HLPF), under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council in July 2020.

With regard to the issue above, it is my honour to inform you that the government of the DPRK has systematically prepared for its presentation of the VNR at 2020 HLPF, had completed its draft report by the National Standing Unit on Sustainable Development in close collaboration with ESCAP.

However, please be noted that, due to the national emergency epidemic preventive measures to preserve the COVID-19 from its spread, the DPRK government has cancelled the national seminars on VNR which were planned to be convened during February and March of this year and, particularly, in special situation of catastrophic crisis currently prevailed at the United States, further decided to present its report at 2021 HLPF instead.

Having considered that the DPRK attaches great importance to the presentation of the VNR that would contribute to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, we look forward to your great strong coordination in inscription of my Government's presentation at 2021 HLPF successfully so that we could use this valuable opportunity to share our experience, challenges and lessons learned as of the country presenting the report for the first time.

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

KIM Song

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