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Her Excellency Mona Juul
75th President
United Nations Economic and Social Council
New York, United States of America

Dear Excellency Juul,

**SUBJECT : GOVERNMENT OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA'S 2020
VOLUNTARY NATIONAL REVIEW MAIN MESSAGES
REPORT**

I am honoured on behalf of the Government of Papua New Guinea in acknowledging the crucial importance of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and our collective resolve to address the needs of present and future generations, and to strive hard to achieve sustainable development in this part of the Pacific Region.

Critical part of this 2030 Agenda is the call for effective follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda through the Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) which is essential for renewed action and progress in achieving the implementation of the SDGs.

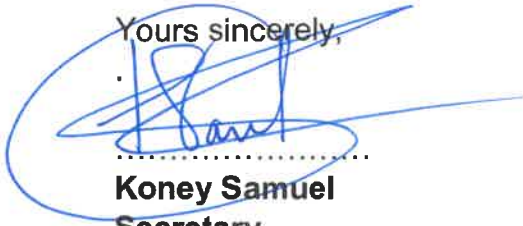
Our initial SDG experience highlighted the complex and interconnectedness of the SDGs, future actions will therefore need to focus on ensuring the coherent nature of policies by acknowledging the importance of both "whole of government" and "whole of society" approaches.

My Department of National Planning and Monitoring on behalf of the Government of Papua New Guinea has been privileged to lead the first ever Voluntary National Review (VNR) in collaborative partnership with all SDG stakeholders to assess and evaluate the progress of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs in the country. This Main Message Report encapsulates the emerging conclusions from the review and more detailed findings will be outlined in the full VNR Report on 12th June 2020.

Notwithstanding our data generation challenges with COVID 19 pandemic, I am greatly honoured to submit the Papua New Guinea's 2020 Voluntary National Review Main Message Report on the implementation of the 2030 and the SDGs.

Our profound appreciation and gratitude to all SDG stakeholders who have provided inputs in preparing this summary report and the UN System in Papua New Guinea and the UNESCAP for their support in the country's efforts towards achieving sustainable development.

Yours sincerely,



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Secretary

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