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June 10, 2022

H. E. Mr. Collen Vixen Kelapile
President of the Economic and Social Council
The United Nations Headquarters
New York City

Your Excellency,

**Re: Invitation to 2022 United Nations High Level Political Forum
on Sustainable Development**

Since communicating the commitment of the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis to present its first Voluntary National Review (VNR) of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, at the 2022 United Nations High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF), the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis (GSKN) has undertaken significant work to bring together national stakeholders, including the public sector, private sector and civil society, to discuss and review the Federation's progress and compile the information necessary for presentation at the high-level event.

Since that time, also, the political situation in St. Kitts and Nevis has changed, and, as a result, the Federation will be proceeding to an early election at a date to be announced within the next two (2) months. Given the political situation and impending general elections, it would not be possible for the Honourable Prime Minister, who is the Minister responsible for Sustainable Development, or any other Minister, to participate in the 2022 HLPF.


The Honourable Prime Minister has confirmed that the presentation of the Federation's first VNR should be, orderly, undertaken by the Prime Minister or a Minister of Government selected by the Honourable Prime Minister. This, therefore, means that the VNR for the Federation of St. Kitts-Nevis will not be presented in 2022.

Notwithstanding, we use this opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to the VNR process and, more importantly, to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda in St. Kitts and Nevis. Accordingly, we hereby communicate our desire to present the Federation's first VNR in 2023.

Please accept sincerest apologies on behalf of the Ministry of Sustainable Development and by extension, the Government of the Federation of St. Kitts-Nevis.

Please also accept, Excellency, assurances of our highest regard.

Sincerely,


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Permanent Secretary

Cc: Hon. Dr. Timothy Harris, Prime Minister