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Excellency,

Further to your letter 16 November 2021, I have the pleasure of enclosing the input of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) to the 2022 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

IRENA welcomes the convening of the 2022 HLPF and ECOSOC under the theme “*Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*”. While SDG7 on energy is not under review this year, access and transition to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all creates multiple synergies with many other SDGs, including those under assessment this year. Our input highlights that the steps towards a decarbonised energy future will positively affect economic activity, jobs and welfare.

Several global events in 2021, including the High-Level Dialogue on Energy (HLDE) and COP26 reaffirmed countries’ commitments to the energy transition driven by renewables. Further, a record level of 260 gigawatts (GW) of renewables-based generation capacity was added globally in 2020, more than four times the capacity added from other sources. IRENA estimates that globally, investments in the renewable energy transition can create additional 38 million jobs in renewables, energy efficiency and energy system flexibility over the next decade and boost GDP by an extra 2.4%. To make this happen, we need to pursue a holistic policy approach rooted in the climate-safe energy development in line with the 1.5°C target, while leaving no one behind.

As the world’s lead intergovernmental organisation for energy transformation, IRENA, with its 167 Members and 17 States in Accession, will continue to capture an increasingly comprehensive picture of the socio-economic impacts of the energy transition and to lead the efforts to transform the global energy system.

I wish to assure you of the Agency’s full support to the work of HLPF and ECOSOC under your able presidency.

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



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