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H.E. Ms Lachezara Stoeva
The President
of the Economic and Social Council

Excellency,

Warm greetings from the Fiji Mission to the United Nations.

I refer to your letter dated 28 July 2022 that was addressed to all Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers, seeking confirmation in relation to the presentation of their respective Voluntary National Review (VNR) at the 2023 High Level Political Forum (HLPF) that will be convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations.

In view of the cap set for the maximum number of countries which will be eligible to present their VNR in the 2023 HLPF that is presently restricted at 42 countries, I wish to convey the intention of the Government of Fiji to present a VNR in the 2023 HLPF. If accepted through your Office, the 2023 HLPF will be the second time Fiji will be presenting a VNR.

The VNR is a unique opportunity that provides the Member State that is presenting a VNR to share with other Member States and stakeholders on the progress of the national actions undertaken towards the achievement of the SDGs. It is also a valuable platform to exchange solutions, methodologies, knowledge, and best practices to overcome challenges and barriers encountered in the realization of the SDGs, enabling other Member States to draw from these experiences while refining their own measures to make significant progress on the 2030 Agenda.

It is my sincere hope that Fiji will be given this opportunity to share some of its own experiences in the 2023 HLPF that will be convened under ECOSOC and your esteemed leadership, providing a platform to small island developing states such as Fiji to share unique experiences in the realization of the SDGs as we recover from the devastating impacts of the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Satyendra Prasad', written over a horizontal line.

Satyendra Prasad
Permanent Representative of Fiji to the United Nations