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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the United Nations presents its compliments the Office of the President of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations and has the honor to transmit the letter from H.E. Mr. Ali Ahmadov, Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Azerbaijan and Chairman of the National Coordination Council on Sustainable Development of Azerbaijan Republic addressed to H.E. Ms. Lachezara Stoeva, President of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the President of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration. *N.B.*



New York, 14 February 2023

Office of the President of the
Economic and Social Council of the United Nations
New York

Excellency,

Subject: Support on submission of the 4th Voluntary National Report of Azerbaijan to the High-Level Political Forum to be organized in 2024

First and foremost, I would like to greet you and express my sincere respect and esteem.

As an active participant of regional and global initiatives, the Republic of Azerbaijan exerts utmost efforts to contribute to addressing global problems and new emerging challenges.

Meanwhile, having fully committed to 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development, the Republic of Azerbaijan prioritized building up opportunities for inclusive and sustainable economic growth, and ensuring the dynamic development of national economy as well as the reliable solutions for social and environmental challenges.

Achievement of SDG related commitments represents one of the crucial components of development policy of the Government of Azerbaijan. Social and economic policies being pursued over the past decades have resulted in economic leap, improved the welfare of the population, significantly reduced the poverty and unemployment rate and transformed our country into the economic and cultural hub of the region.

From the very beginning of joined 2030 Agenda the Government of Azerbaijan managed to transform the global SDGs into a national context by aligning national plans and strategies with these goals and targets. First step of Government of Azerbaijan was to establish a high-level institutional mechanism to ensure inclusive stakeholder participation and policy coherence and in this case, the Government of Azerbaijan established the National Coordination Council on Sustainable Development (NCCSD). Next milestone and particularly, the culmination of this adaptation and transformation of strategies were the order of "Azerbaijan 2030: National Priorities for Socio-Economic Development" and under the umbrella of the long term priorities the endorsement of mid-term "Strategy for socio-economic development of the Republic of Azerbaijan for 2022-2026". Both documents are fully adopted UN 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development and the approved priorities is fulfilment of our commitments arising from Agenda.

The Government of Azerbaijan, at the same time, being adhered to the principles of leaving no one behind, sustainable peace and stability, implements the program of great return to the liberated territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the return of about one million internally displaced people to their homelands. The programme will have a positive contribution to the successful implementation of the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development in our country.

Three Voluntary National Reviews of Azerbaijan, presented in 2017, 2019 and 2021 explicitly illustrates on how our Government has successfully fulfilled its commitment to effectively implement the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development. In this framework, the Republic of Azerbaijan was the first country to submit the third VNR on the implementation of the United

Nations Agenda for Sustainable Development until 2030 in the region and one of the 10 countries in the world.

Dear Ms. President,

In the current global environment, the world faces serious challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and geopolitical crisis.

Since the early days of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, Azerbaijan has been one of the countries to take initiatives calling on the countries of the world for solidarity and mutual cooperation against this threat. In this line, Azerbaijan has contributed \$10 million to WHO to support vulnerable countries to eliminate the negative impacts of COVID-19 around the world and provided financial and humanitarian assistance to more than 30 countries to support their fight against the coronavirus.

I do hope that by the end of this year the COVID-19 will come to end and thus enabling the HLPF in 2024 to be a fruitful platform to discuss the growth of global economy in the framework of inclusive development and progress to the subsequent six years until 2030.

Taking into account the progress and challenges of Azerbaijan in achieving the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development, I am privileged to inform of the decision of the Government of Azerbaijan to present its Fourth Voluntary National Review during HLPF 2024, to be held under the auspices of ECOSOC.

In this regard, on behalf of the Government of Azerbaijan, I will highly appreciate if Your Excellency could arrange the necessary procedures for inclusion of the Republic of Azerbaijan in the relevant List of Countries that will present their VNRs during the next HLPF in 2024.

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

Sincerely,

Ali Ahmadov
Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Azerbaijan
Chairman of the National Coordination Council on
Sustainable Development of Azerbaijan Republic

To: H.E. Lachezara Stoeva
The seventy-eight President of the
Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)
of the United Nations