Note Verbal

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea to the United Nations in New York, presents its compliment to the President of the Economic and Social Council and has the honor express the interest of the Government of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea to presents its Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs), to be conducted at the July 2024 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HPLF), which will be convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the to the President of the Economic and Social Council the assurances of its highest consideration.

New York, September 14th, 2023

To: to the President of the Economic and Social Council
United Nations-
New York
The President of the Economic and Social Council

31 July 2023

Excellency,

I am writing in relation to the Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) to be conducted at the July 2024 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF), which will be convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council.

I would like to inform you that, to date, expressions of interest for presenting VNRs at the 2024 HLPF have been received from Austria, Azerbaijan, Estonia, Guinea, Honduras, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mauritania, Nepal, Niger, Oman, Palau, Peru, Syrian Arab Republic, Uganda and Zimbabwe, which will be duly considered as part of the elaboration of the list of VNRs for 2024.

In line with existing practice, please note that the maximum number of presentations during the 2024 HLPF cannot exceed forty-two (42). In finalizing the list, I will give priority, if needed, to countries who will be presenting their first or second voluntary national review. As you are aware, while recognizing the voluntary nature of the VNRs, the General Assembly, in its resolution on the HLPF review (75/290B) encouraged countries to conduct a review once during the four-year cycle of the HLPF (annex, paragraph 18).

I wish to thank H.E. Mr. Antonio Manuel Revilla Lagdameo, Permanent Representative of the Philippines, and H.E. Mr. Omar Hilale, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Morocco to the United Nations, for their continued leadership of the Group of Friends of VNRs and for the Group’s important contribution and support to the countries that presented VNRs at the July 2023 HLPF.

The VNRs enable follow-up and review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its seventeen Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). They also facilitate the sharing of experiences, including successes, challenges and lessons learned, with a view to accelerating progress. Remaining mindful of the voluntary nature of the VNRs, I would particularly encourage countries that have not yet presented a VNR, and countries that have presented a VNR only once, to consider doing so at the July 2024 HLPF.

All Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers to the United Nations Economic and Social Council New York
It is my intention to review and close the list of VNRs for 2024 in the first week of October and would greatly appreciate receiving expressions of interest by **Friday, 29 September 2023**.

I look forward to working with all of you in preparing for a successful 2024 HLPF.

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

[Signature]

Paula Narváez  
President of ECOSOC
Bata 24 de agosto de 2023

EXCMA. PAULA NARVÁEZ OJEDA,
PRESIDENTA DEL CONSEJO ECONÓMICO Y SOCIAL, DE LAS NACIONES UNIDAS

Excelencia,

En el marco del Foro Político de Alto Nivel 2024 sobre el desarrollo sostenible (FPAN), que se convocará bajo los auspicios del Consejo Económico y Social (ECOSOC) en julio 2024.

Con referencia a la resolución 70/1 de la Asamblea General, tengo el honor de solicitar la inscripción de Guinea Ecuatorial en la lista de países que participaran en la presentación de los Informes Nacionales Voluntarios (INV) en el próximo FPAN 2024.

Guinea Ecuatorial concede gran importancia a la implementación de la Agenda 2030 y espera compartir con otros países las experiencias, incluidos éxitos, desafíos y lecciones aprendidas extraídas durante la implementación y monitoreo de dicha Agenda.

Espero con interés el acuse de recibo anticipado de esta carta a la vez que ruego tenga la certeza, Excelencia, de mi más distinguida consideración.