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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations and, with reference to the letter of the President of ECOSOC dated 26 July 2024, has the honor to inform the latter of the Philippines' interest to present its fourth Voluntary National Review (VNR) during the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) in 2025.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the ECOSOC the assurances of its highest consideration.

03 September 2024



**H.E. BOB RAE**  
**President, Economic and Social Council**  
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**MESSAGE FROM THE UNITED NATIONS DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS -  
OFFICE OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL SUPPORT AND COORDINATION FOR SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT**

Excellencies,

I am pleased to transmit the attached letter from the President of the Economic and Social Council calling for expressions of interest to conduct a Voluntary National Review at the 2025 High-level Political Forum.

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

With high regards,

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The President  
of the  
Economic and Social Council

26 July 2024

Excellency,

I have the honour to write to you in relation to the voluntary national reviews (VNRs) to be conducted at the 2025 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF), convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council.

Remaining mindful of the voluntary nature of the VNRs, I would like to encourage countries that have not yet presented a VNR, and countries that have conducted only one VNR, to consider doing so at the 2025 HLPF. I would like to inform you that, to date, expressions of interest for presenting VNRs at the 2025 HLPF have been received from: Bahamas, Bangladesh, Belarus, Bulgaria, Dominican Republic, Eswatini, Ghana, Guatemala, Iraq, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Malaysia, Micronesia (Federated States of), Nigeria, South Africa, State of Palestine, and Suriname. All expressions of interest will be duly considered when the final list of VNRs for 2025 is established.

It is my intention to review and close the list of VNRs for 2025 by **Monday, 30 September 2024**. Accordingly, I greatly appreciate receiving expressions of interest **no later than Friday, 20 September 2024**.

In line with existing practice, kindly note that the maximum number of presentations at the 2025 HLPF should not exceed forty (40). In finalizing the list, I will give priority, if needed, to countries who will be presenting their first or second voluntary national review, as well as to countries that have not presented during the current (2024-2027) cycle of the HLPF. I wish to remind you that General Assembly resolution 75/290B, while recognizing the voluntary nature of the VNRs, encouraged countries to conduct a review once during the four-year cycle of the HLPF (annex, paragraph 18).

I sincerely 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. I am pleased with the Group's important contribution and support to countries that presented VNRs at the 2024 HLPF.

I look forward to working with all of you in preparing for a successful 2025 HLPF.

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

Bob Rae  
President of ECOSOC

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