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H.E. Mr. Lok Bahadur Thapa President of ECOSOC

Subject: Expression of Interest by the Republic of Kiribati to Present its Voluntary National Review at the 2026 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development

Excellency,

I have the honor to convey, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Kiribati, its intention to present Kiribati Voluntary National Review (VNR) at the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) in 2026.

Kiribati remains strongly committed to the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), recognizing them as a critical framework for advancing the well-being of our people and safeguarding the future of our nation. Our VNR in 2026 will provide an important opportunity to share progress, lessons learned, and challenges encountered in the pursuit of sustainable development, particularly within the unique context of a small island developing state.

We look forward to engaging with Member States, the UN system, and all relevant stakeholders through the VNR process, contributing constructively to the exchange of experiences, and reaffirming our collective commitment to leaving no one behind.

I should be grateful if this expression of interest could be duly noted and registered by the HLPF Secretariat in preparation for the 2026 VNR presentations.

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

Sincerely,

H.E. Teburoro Tito

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Permanent Representative.