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H.E. Robert Rae President of the Economic and Social Council United Nations

Dear Excellency,

I would like to acknowledge your letter received on the 7<sup>th</sup> of October 2024, regarding the Marshall Islands' interest in presenting its second voluntary national review (VNR) at the July 2025 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF).

While it is unfortunate that the Marshall Islands will be unable to present its second VNR next year as requested, we fully respect the process and understand the limitation on available slots for countries to present their report.

In light of your recommendation, I wish to defer our country's VNR presentation to the 2026 HLPF. We are committed to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and we look forward to sharing our progress and challenges at this important forum.

Sincerely,

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