Excellency,

Further to my letter dated 5 April 2019, I have the honour to enclose herewith an updated concept note, including a provisional programme, for the High-level Event on “Culture and Sustainable Development”. The event will be held on Tuesday, 21 May 2019 in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, in partnership with UNESCO, and in accordance with General Assembly Resolution 72/229 of 20 December 2017, entitled “Culture and Sustainable Development”, in which the General Assembly “invites the President of the General Assembly to host a one-day high-level event on this subject, within existing resources, during the seventy-third session of the Assembly, and to invite the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to support him or her, within its existing mandates”.

I have further the honour to invite delegations to participate in the interactive discussion segments of the roundtable and two panels. In each of these segments, the moderator will invite speakers to deliver introductory remarks (three minutes each), and then invite discussants to contribute (two minutes each), as indicated in the preliminary programme. The moderator will then open the floor for interventions. Kindly note that there will be no pre-established list of speakers in the interactive discussions. Delegations are encouraged to indicate their willingness to speak by pressing the microphone button in the room and are requested to limit interventions to two minutes.
Seating arrangements for the High-level event will be informal, with designated areas for all countries, intergovernmental bodies, organizations of the United Nations system, and relevant non-governmental organizations.

For further information, your office may contact my Senior Advisor Ms. Hana Alhashimi (hana.alhashimi@un.org).

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

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