



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY



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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

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Excellency,

Following our monthly coordination meeting on 16 May 2019, we have the honour to inform you that an informal *Group of Friends of the Voluntary National Reviews, Follow-up and Review of the high-level political forum on sustainable development* has been created under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Juan Sandoval Mendiola, Deputy-Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations.

The Group of Friends will undertake its work on a phased basis. In the first phase, the Group of Friends will help prepare the ground for the discussion of countries presenting their Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) at the July High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF). In the second phase, they will contribute to the reflection on the format and organizational aspects of the HLPF, which the General Assembly decided to carry out at its seventy-fourth session (A/RES/67/290 and A/RES/70/299).

The first meeting of the informal Group of Friends is scheduled for Thursday, 6 June 2019, at 3:00 p.m., in Conference Room D. We would be grateful if you would express your interest to be part of the Group of Friends by contacting Ms. Svenja Angela Rauch at [rauchs@un.org](mailto:rauchs@un.org); and Ms. Anna Onate Bovino at [onate@un.org](mailto:onate@un.org) by Wednesday, 5 June 2019.

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

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President of the General Assembly

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