Excellency,

I have the honour to transmit details of the preliminary programme for the High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development to be held on 26 September 2019.

The opening session, to be held from 10:00 to 10:30 hours will feature statements by the President of the seventy-fourth Session of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General, as well as three keynote addresses.

Two interactive dialogues will be held from 10:30 to 11:45 hours and from 11:45 to 13:00 hours. In accordance with my letter dated 25 July, both dialogues will include twelve slots for 3-minute interventions by Member States. Provisional lists of speakers were determined based on the level of representation, with due consideration given to geographic and gender balance.

The third interactive dialogue will be held from 15:00 to 16:20 hours and has two segments that will commence with a brief keynote to frame the discussions and will consist of a moderated interactive panel discussion featuring participating heads of state and government, financial regulators and leaders of public and private financial institutions.

The fourth interactive dialogue will take place from 16:25 to 17:45 hours and will consist of presentation of new announcements, commitments and initiatives by twelve Member States and other stakeholders supporting the implementation of climate action and the SDGs.

The closing session, to be held from 17:45 to 18:00 hours, will include statements by the President of the seventy-fourth Session of the General Assembly, the President of the Economic and Social Council and the Deputy Secretary-General.

We look forward to the active participation of your Head of State or Government as we reflect upon the progress made and where further action is required towards implementing the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, the overarching global framework for mobilizing financial and non-financial resources from all sources for achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

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Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to the co-facilitators H.E. Mrs. Martha A. A. Pobee, Permanent Representative of Ghana to the United Nations, and H.E. Mr. Marc-Andre Blanchard, Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations, for their leadership of and contribution to the preparatory process of the High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development.

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

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