31 March 2022

Excellency,

Further to my letter dated 11 March 2022, informing of my intention to convene a High-Level Thematic Debate on the theme “Putting sustainable and resilient tourism at the heart of an inclusive recovery,” on Wednesday, 4 May 2022, at 10 a.m., in the General Assembly Hall, United Nations Headquarters, I am pleased to circulate herewith the concept note and provisional programme.

Given the strategic importance of tourism, and a sustainable recovery of the sector, to Member States, and in light of the steps being taken to return to regular business operations at the United Nations Headquarters, I request Member States to participate in-person and at the highest possible political level.

The High-Level Thematic Debate will be convened in collaboration with the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), and will bring together governments, public and private partners, stakeholders and key actors relevant to the tourism sector. It will provide an opportunity to discuss strategies, and share best practices and experiences in the context of rebuilding sustainably from the COVID-19 pandemic. It will spotlight transformative and impactful initiatives in sustainable and resilient tourism.

For further information, your office may contact Mr. Md Faruk Hossain (faruk.hossain@un.org), Team Leader or Ms. Janil Greenaway (janil.greenaway@un.org), Senior Adviser on Sustainable Development, at my Office.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration

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