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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Excellencies,

I have the honour to make reference to my letters of 5 and 12 February 2019 as well as my Roadmap for 2019 (enclosed for ease of reference), and to invite you to the first informal exchange of views on the issue of the 2021-2026 review of the status of the Council, on Thursday, 28 March 2019 at 15:00 in Room XX of the Palais des Nations.

As was mentioned in my Roadmap for 2019, paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 65/281 provided that the status of the Council should be considered again sometime between 2021 and 2026. The General Assembly did not, however, request the Council to undertake a review of its work and functioning as it had done in paragraph 16 of its resolution 60/251, which established the Council.

I thus wish to seek the views of all delegations on five fundamental questions:

1. Whether the Council could contribute to the General Assembly's review of the status of the Council as it did in 2011, and if yes;
2. What form the Council's contribution could take;
3. What topics could be addressed by the Council regarding the review of its status;
4. Whether a review of the Council's work and functioning could be undertaken, and if yes;
5. When it could take place.

I look forward to hearing from you on this important topic and holding a fruitful discussion on the 28th of March.

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

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President of the Human Rights Council

Enclosure

To all Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Office at Geneva