



8 February 2021

RE: Launch of the final report of the High-Level Panel on International Financial Accountability, Transparency and Integrity for Achieving the 2030 Agenda

Excellency,

On behalf of the High-level Panel on International Financial Accountability, Transparency and Integrity for Achieving the 2030 Agenda, it is our pleasure to invite you to attend the launch of the final report of the Panel, to be held virtually on 25 February 2021, from 8:00 to 10:30 (EST).

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is a plan of action to shift the world to a sustainable and resilient path. However, six years after Member States pledged that no one will be left behind, we continue to fall short in making the needed investments in the future we want. Mobilizing sufficient resources for implementing the 2030 Agenda remains a major challenge, more critical than ever at this moment of economic uncertainty. Insufficient financial accountability, transparency and integrity erodes the ability of States to raise revenue and directly undermines the efforts of the global community.

For this reason, the FACTI Panel was convened jointly by the 74th President of the United Nations General Assembly and the 75th President of the United Nations Economic and Social Council on March 2020.

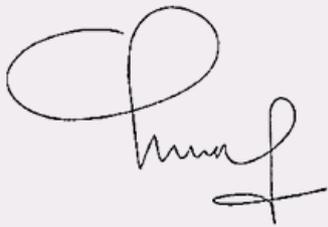
There are existing mechanisms of international cooperation to combat illicit financial flows, both within the United Nations and outside of it. Yet, in the view of many Member States and other stakeholders, there is room for improvements in the implementation, inclusiveness, and design of the international institutional architecture and related commitments. This is a global problem that requires global cooperation.

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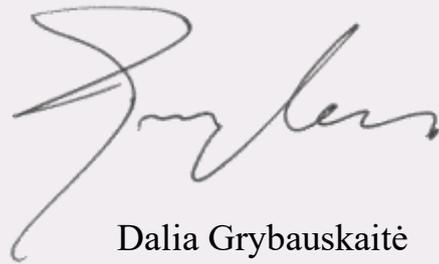
The Panel's final report will provide evidence-based recommendations and priority actions on these topics, building on the successes and ongoing work of existing mechanisms. The final report focuses on 14 recommendations that the Panel finds are technically feasible, politically viable, and have a direct contribution to the overall efforts undertaken by Member States to implement the ambitious and transformational vision of the 2030 Agenda.

We look forward to you, and relevant colleagues in your mission and in your capital, attending the launch event to learn about our Panel's final recommendations.

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

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Ibrahim Assane Mayaki

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