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Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the Secretary-General's letter dated 5 April 2019 inviting Governments to participate in this year's Treaty Event, which will be held from 24 to 27 September 2019 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, in conjunction with the general debate of the seventy-fourth session of the General Assembly.

The Treaty Event will highlight treaties deposited with the Secretary-General that support the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and cover areas of global concern, including human rights, terrorism and criminal matters, law of the sea, disarmament and environmental issues. The Treaty Event may also be used to sign and ratify or accede to any treaty for which the Secretary-General acts as depositary.

It is noted that, consistent with the rules of international law and the practice of the Secretary-General as depositary of multilateral treaties, a Head of State, Head of Government or Minister of Foreign Affairs does not require full powers to execute a treaty action in person.

Where a signature of a treaty deposited with the Secretary-General is to be undertaken by a person other than the Head of State, the Head of Government or the Minister of Foreign Affairs, duly executed full powers are necessary.

