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Ministerio de Ambiente y Energía
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Dear Bureau colleague,

I hope that you have been well since our last meeting. First of all I would like to express my gratitude for your engagement and active participation in the preparation process towards the Third Session of the UN Environment Assembly. We are now almost a month a way from its beginning and negotiations and preparations are thankfully well under way.

In regards to the Ministerial Outcome Document, it is my pleasure to hereby submit for your consideration the final draft. I am confident that this draft reflects the efforts to reach consensus by all Member States and strongly believe we are getting ever closer to our shared goal.

Having said this, I wish to call upon you, the members of the UN Environment Assembly Bureau, to read and provide inputs directly to me on the vision, content and general message of the document. As you are aware and as we have discussed numerous times during our meetings, it is our goal to have this document be bold, aspirational and for it to inspire action in every one of us.

I am aware that there are still some issues that we may need to overcome together. I will spare no efforts to continue working with you in the spirit of transparency, inclusivity and flexibility. It is my ambition that the positive spirit that has allowed us to reach this far will be continued until we all share the success of adopting this important document during the Assembly in December.

I will be continuing with the consultation process as agreed upon earlier this year, with two main consultations more before the Assembly. First, I will attend the second consultation on the Ministerial Outcome Document with the Committee of Permanent Representatives, which is scheduled to take place on the 6th of November 2017 at 16:30 (Nairobi time). I will attend this meeting via videoconference and have requested the Secretariat to share an invitation to all Member States to participate. Finally, I will personally attend the Third Open-Ended Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, which includes a provision for final negotiations on this political declaration.

I know that we all share the commitment towards a successful Third Session of the UN Environment Assembly. Together, let us continue to work towards the Ministerial Outcome Document that we, Ministers responsible for the Environment, wish to see and that the world expects from us. I am looking forward to seeing all of you during our meeting on the 20th of November.

Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at: president.unea2@gmail.com.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Edgar Gutierrez-Espeleta
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Excellency,

I want to express my very deep gratitude to all Member States and Stakeholders for their active engagement in the preparation of the Ministerial Outcome Document of the Third Session of the UN Environment Assembly.

It is my pleasure to hereby submit for your consideration the final draft of the Ministerial Outcome Document. I am confident that this draft reflects the efforts to reach consensus by all Member States and strongly believe we are getting ever closer to our shared goal.

Having said this, delegations are encouraged to continue to engage in the process of consultations currently underway, including a second consultation on the Ministerial Outcome Document with the Committee of Permanent Representatives, which is scheduled to take place on the 6th of November 2017 at 16:30 (Nairobi time). I will attend this meeting via video conference and have requested the Secretariat to share an invitation to all Member States to participate.

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As you consider this final draft, I would like to inform you that the Third Open-Ended Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives includes a provision for final negotiations, which I will attend in person. I know that we all share the commitment towards a successful Third Session of the UN Environment Assembly. Together, let us continue to work towards the Ministerial Outcome Document that we, Ministers responsible for the Environment, wish to see and that the world expects from us.

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