

Reference: UNE-2022-01784 31 August 2022

Dear Minister,

Following my letter of 7 July 2022, I am writing to you in relation to <u>resolution 5/5</u>, 'Nature-based Solutions for Supporting Sustainable Development', adopted at the resumed fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-5.2) in Nairobi from 28 February – 2 March 2022.

The Resolution 5/5 requested the Executive Director, subject to available resources, and further to support the implementation of nature-based solutions, as defined in the present resolution, to convene intergovernmental consultations in a transparent, inclusive, regionally balanced manner, striving for gender balance, in order to undertake the following:

- a. Compile examples of best practice in nature-based solutions, based on the best available science;
- Assess existing and discuss potential new proposals, criteria, standards and guidelines to address divergences, with a view to achieving a common understanding among Member States for the implementation of nature-based solutions; and,
- c. Identify options for supporting sustainable investment in nature-based solutions.

As per the revised process for the appointment of the two Co-Chairs, the process will be coordinated by the Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR), under the leadership of the President of the Sixth United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-6), taking into account the need for geographical balance and gender parity.

Member States are invited to submit nominations for potential Co-Chairs to the Secretariat (<u>unepsgb@un.org</u>), no later than **15 September 2022.**

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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Executive Director

To: Ministers responsible for the Environment cc: Permanent Representatives to UNEP

Annex: Draft terms of references for the co-Chairs to facilitate consultations of Nature Based Solutions.