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Ministry of Energy Transition and
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The Minister

Excellency,

I wish to refer to the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) resolution 5/12 of 2 March 2022, entitled "Environmental aspects of minerals and metals management", in which the UNEA requested the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), to convene transparent and inclusive intergovernmental regional consultations to feed into a global intergovernmental meeting, with the aim of developing non-prescriptive proposals to enhance the environmental sustainability of minerals and metals along their full life cycle, in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

In this regard, I wish to recall that the Executive Director of UNEP, in a letter dated 29 September 2022, addressed to the Ministers of Environment, invited expressions of interest from Member States to Co-Chair the intergovernmental regional consultations and informed that the appointment of the two Co-Chairs will be coordinated by the Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, under the leadership of the President of the sixth session of the UNEA, taking into account the need for geographical balance and gender parity.

Further to the consultations led by the Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, H. E. Mr. Pirkka Tapiola, Ambassador of Finland to Kenya and Permanent Representative to UNEP, I have the pleasure to inform you that I have appointed H. E. Ms. Saqlain Syedah, High Commissioner and Permanent Representative of Pakistan to UNEP, and Mrs. Martine Rohn-Brossard, Deputy Head of the International Affairs Division, Federal Office for the Environment of Switzerland, as Co-Chairs of intergovernmental regional consultation on minerals and metals management.

I would like to thank Ambassador Pirkka Tapiola for coordinating the process. I would also like to thank and congratulate H. E. Ms. Saqlain Syedah and Mrs. Martine Rohn-Brossard for having accepted this very important responsibility. I trust that you will extend your full support and cooperation to them throughout the consultation process.

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

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President of the United
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