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Excellency,

On behalf of the Executive Director of UNEP, Ms. Inger Andersen, I am pleased to announce that the Secretary-General has selected Ms. Jyoti Mathur-Filipp, a national of India, for the position of D2 Executive Secretary of the Secretariat of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment. She will assume her new functions as Executive Secretary on 15 August.

Ms. Mathur-Filipp, whose bio you will find below, brings to the position 28 years of experience in the United Nations system, environmental conventions and global environmental funds. She currently serves as Director for Implementation at the secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), leading the work on the development and negotiations for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

The Executive Director of UNEP wishes to reiterate her profound appreciation to Ms. Susan Gardner, Ms. Leticia Carvalho, and the team in Ecosystems Division who have steered and led UNEP's work following up on UNEA resolution 5/14 and leading the organization of the ad hoc open-ended working group (OEWG), which was held in Dakar from 30 May to 1 June 2022.

Please join us in welcoming Ms. Mathur-Filipp.

Warm regards,

Signed

Rafael Peralta

Chief of Staff

Jyoti Mathur-Filipp

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During her career, Jyoti has worked with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the Global Environment Facility (GEF), the Adaptation Fund and the Green Climate Fund (GCF). Over the years, she has covered a wide range of topics, from environmental governance and negotiations, to policy, programming, partnership development and resource mobilization.

Jyoti also has in-depth experience working with private sector partners, including with NetAid – the first private-public partnership between the UN and a large corporation – the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH), REDD+ in Jakarta and Geneva, as well as with the Secretariat of CBD.

She holds a Master of Science (MSc.) in urban planning from the New School for Social Research and an MBA from Baruch College. Jyoti looks forward to moving back to Nairobi together with her husband, Robert, as well as her dog, Bentley.