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30 August 2022

Dear Minister,

I am writing to you in relation to [resolution 5/2](#), 'Sustainable Nitrogen Management', which was adopted at the resumed fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-5.2) that took place in Nairobi from 28 February – 2 March 2022.

The Resolution 5/2, operative paragraph 3(d), requested the Executive Director, to invite Member States to nominate focal points to join the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Working Group on Nitrogen, which was established pursuant to the UNEA [resolution 4/14](#), also entitled 'Sustainable Nitrogen Management'.

UNEP is accepting nominations from Member States to serve as the two Co-Chairs of the Working Group on Nitrogen, while ensuring geographical balance and gender parity. The Co-Chairs will be expected to:

- Possess good knowledge and understanding of both technical and policy aspects of sustainable nitrogen management;
- Have experience in exercising a leadership role in intergovernmental processes;
- Be available to facilitate the undertakings of the Working Group until the Sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-6);
- Engage bilaterally with the interested Member States at UNEP headquarters in Nairobi as well as in capitals.

The appointment of the two Co-Chairs will be coordinated by the Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR), under the leadership of the President of UNEA-6, taking into account the need for geographical balance and gender parity.

Member States are invited to submit nominations for the Co-Chairs to the Secretariat ([unep-sgb@un.org](mailto:unep-sgb@un.org)), no later than **15 September 2022**.

Member States are also invited to submit nominations of focal points to [unep-nitrogenworkinggroup@un.org](mailto:unep-nitrogenworkinggroup@un.org), 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 of the UNEP Nitrogen Working Group.