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Excellency,

As Co-Chairs appointed by your Excellency to lead the intergovernmental consultations, mandated in resolution 5/12 ([UNEP/EA.5/12](#)) of the United Nations Environment Assembly, we are pleased to share with you the Co-Chairs' Summary of the Global Intergovernmental Meeting on Environmental Aspects of Minerals and Metals Management. The Global Intergovernmental Meeting was held on 7 and 8 September 2023 in Geneva, Switzerland. This Co-Chairs' summary will be made available as an information document to the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly, along with a report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme on the implementation of resolution 5/12, as mandated in paragraph 6 of that resolution.

Paragraph 2 of resolution 5/12 requested UNEP to convene transparent and inclusive intergovernmental regional consultations, including with relevant international organizations, with regional and multilateral environmental agreements, and with relevant stakeholders acting as observers, 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.

We are pleased to report that the intergovernmental regional consultations which were held between April and July 2023 took stock of existing activities as well identified opportunities for enhanced international cooperation. Member States have developed a total of 24 non-prescriptive proposals, under the topics of (i) policies and tools; (ii) value chains aspects; and (iii) platforms for international cooperation. The 24 proposals were further refined and prioritized during the recent Global Intergovernmental Meeting in Geneva referred to above.

To facilitate follow up of the outcomes for this process, we invite you to share the Co-Chairs' Summary with Member States for possible consideration at the upcoming sixth session of the Environment Assembly, to take place from 26 February to 1 March 2024 in Nairobi. Improved management and environmental consideration related to the management of minerals and metals along the entire life cycle can play a significant role for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. More information on the process and its outcomes can be found on this [webpage](#).

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

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