Excellency,

24 January 2024

With reference to the decision of the Bureaux of the United Nations Environment Assembly and the Committee of Permanent Representatives taken at the joint retreat of both Bureaux held in Morocco on 6 and 7 July 2023 and as communicated through the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions and decisions, the announcement of the appointment of the co-facilitators to lead the informal consultations is to be made through a joint letter from the President of the Environment Assembly and the Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.

In this regard, we have the pleasure to inform of the appointment of the following Nairobi-based delegates as facilitators:

- Robert Bunbury, Deputy Permanent Representative of Canada,
- Mr. Alejandro Montero, Deputy Permanent Representative of Chile,
- Mr. Rohit Vadhwana, Deputy Permanent Representative of India,
- Ms. Yume Yorita, Second Secretary, Mission of Japan,
- Mr. Tobias Ogweno, Counsellor, Mission of Kenya,
- Ms. Karin Snellman, Deputy Permanent Representative of Sweden, and
- Ms. Felista Rugambwa, Deputy Permanent Representative of the United Republic of Tanzania.

We wish to congratulate and thank them for accepting this important responsibility. We trust that you will extend your full support and cooperation to them throughout the consultation/negotiation process.

We also wish to update that:

- The Chair of the group of Eastern European States has informed the Secretariat that the group could not identify two Nairobi-based delegates to act as facilitators for the upcoming consultations due to capacity reasons of individual Missions.
- Similarly, the Chair of the Latin American and Caribbean States group also informed the Secretariat, regarding the second facilitator from the Group, that the group could not identify a delegate due to capacity constraints among the Missions in Nairobi.
In light of the above and in consultation with the CPR Bureau, the Secretariat sent a letter on 22 January 2024 to the Chairs of the regional groups of African States, Asia-Pacific States, and Western European and other States, inviting them to consult among themselves towards identifying by 25 January at the latest, three additional Nairobi-based delegates to act as facilitators. The three remaining facilitators will be formally appointed once they have been identified.

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

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Ambassador of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to Kenya and Permanent Representatives to UNEP

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President of the UN Environment and Minister of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development of Morocco