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I would like to thank all delegations for the constructive input and suggestions provided on the proposals for a theme for the seventh session of the United Nations Environment Assembly

(UNEA-7) during the first consultation held on 11 July 2024 at the 11<sup>th</sup> annual subcommittee meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR).

As mentioned in my closing remarks at that meeting, I would like to inform you that I will convene the second consultation on Thursday, 26 September, from 15:00 to 17:00 (GMT+3) in a hybrid format open to the members of the CPR and UNEA. As a way forward, the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Oman in Nairobi, Her Excellency Nasra Salim Mohamed Al Hashmi, will convene open, transparent and inclusive consultations with Member States, observers and major groups and stakeholders, with a view to seek further consensus on the matter.

I would like to recall that UNEA, in its <u>decision 6/7</u>, requested the Bureau of the Environment Assembly, in consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives, to define a theme for the seventh session of the Environment Assembly no later than 12 months in advance of the seventh session.

As I mentioned during the 11<sup>th</sup> annual subcommittee meeting, a final decision on the theme will be taken by the Bureau of UNEA during the joint meeting of the Bureaux of UNEA and the CPR scheduled for 11 December 2024.

I am confident that our shared commitment and engagement will result in a theme for UNEA-7 that enjoys the broadest possible support, is easily understood and communicable to the public, addresses global environmental challenges and ensures a strong delivery of UNEA outcomes, including the Ministerial Declaration and resolutions.

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