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Reference: Revision of UNEA 1/4 resolution

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Excellency,

On behalf of the GEO-6 advisory body, the High Level Intergovernmental and Stakeholder Advisory Group (HLG), we would like to communicate that the HLG has recommended the GEO-6 global assessment and its accompanying Summary for Policy Makers (SPM) be delivered for UNEA-4, to be held in 2019. This is to allow sufficient time to produce an assessment of high quality and scientific credibility as well as deliver an innovative outlook which will consider how countries can most effectively achieve their Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).

Since this recommendation exceeds the timeline currently stipulated in UNEA resolution 1/4 it is necessary for Member States to amend resolution 1/4 at the third session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (Dec. 4- 6, 2017). We propose that UNEA resolution 1/4, paragraph 8 be amended to:

*“Requests the Executive Director, within the programme of work and budget, to undertake the preparation of the sixth Global Environment Outlook (GEO-6), supported by UNEP Live, with the scope, objectives and procedures of GEO-6 to be defined by a transparent global intergovernmental and multi-stakeholder consultation informed by document UNEP/EA.1/INF/14, resulting in a scientifically credible, peer-reviewed GEO-6 and its accompanying summary for policymakers, to be endorsed by the United Nations Environment Assembly no later than 2019.”*

With this amendment the GEO-6 process will remain within the request made by Member States at UNEA-1. In line with the UNEA Bureau minutes of the August 10, 2016 meeting, we would appreciate that this proposal be distributed to Member States through your good offices and that all appropriate documentation to enable Member States to consider this amendment at the third session of UNEA be prepared by the UNEP Executive Director.

Please accept the assurances of our highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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