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**Excellency,**

First of all, I would further wish to express my warmest congratulations on your recent appointment as the president of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) and thank you for your letter dated 27 May 2019, (received date 3 June) in which you requested for the choice of theme for the Fifth session of UNEA.

The United Nations Environment Assembly, as the highest-level decision-making body on the environment at the global level, has done valuable efforts on penetrating analysis of environmental issues and offering related and effective resolutions. According to the acute environmental situation that we face now and due to some irresponsible stances adopted by some countries, I.R. Iran hopes to serve by identification of efficient behaviors through the UNEA's themes.

In this regard and in response to your request, Iran suggests two below themes to UNEA-5 while you can find an attached short brief for each one:

- 1) The Brilliant Future of Earth, the Art of Leadership: Environment Diplomacy, Favorable Decision-Making, Law Amendment and Enforcement**
- 2) Healthy Road: Emerging Environmental Challenges, Public and Professional Awareness, Healthy Environment**

Once again, I wish you success during your mandate as president of the United Nations Environment Assembly.

Please accept, your Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.

**Issa Kalantri**

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## **First: Suggested Themes for UNEA5**

### **The Brilliant Future of Earth, the Art of Leadership:**

**Environment Diplomacy, Favorable Decision-Making, Law Amendment and Enforcement**

Due to increasing the development activities, climate change, global warming, disaster and conflict which lead to more severe environmental challenges as well as growing economic competition, it is necessary to create a significant and profound linkage between economic, politics and the environment for achieving security, peace and social welfare.

Considering the economic and political evolutions, it is important that the policymakers in all level encourage and involve in achieving environmental dimensions of the SDGs, Internationally agreed environmental goals and the MEAs.

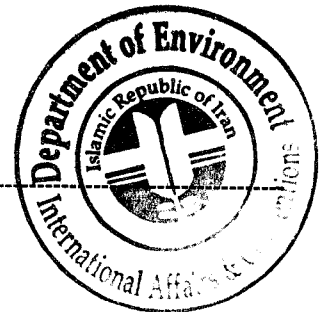
Identification of primary drivers of environmental changes, recognition of the current state of the environment, finding the best diplomacy and policies in appropriate achieving internationally agreed environmental goals, exchanging the policy lessons learned and extending the initiative solutions, abandonment of the business as usual scenarios and seeking for the environmental friendly pathways are the main challenges facing decision makers.

At the same time with entering the third decade of the twenty-first century, emphasis on the role of decision-makers, intergovernmental dialogue, the full implementation of MEAs and MOUs and the promotion of diplomacy among states in the context of sustainable development and the establishment of peace and security is very important and vital.

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## **Second: Suggested Themes for UNEA5**

### **Healthy Road: Emerging Environmental Challenges, Public and Professional Awareness, Healthy Environment**

Addressing the main environmental challenges including climate changes, energy consumption, land degradation and water scarcity which threaten the environment and human health, requires the immediate and wise actions for minimizing the loss and pernicious activities.

According to our knowledge on environment and for continuing human activities, we seek the choices while more benefit rather than to damage the earth. On the one hand, analyzable, accessible and reliable big data is needed to figure out emerging environmental issues. On the other hand, defining a cost-effective solution requires insight, expertise and innovation.

This sort of awareness and ability to promote and develop it is the fruit of vocational education and trainings on environment, by which the public and professional awareness on environmental issues enhances. We expect the high-quality and comprehensive education programs can be settled to deliver to everyone, all the while we believe 'to leave No one behind' as a SDG's commitment. We even call for environmental education to head of member states so environmental issues, like climate change, can be considered as a matter of their national, regional and international policy making on the way to healthy environment and healthy public.

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