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Ministers for the Environment

Members of the Committee of Permanent Representatives

Excellency,

Further to my letter dated 12 December 2024, in which I informed you of the theme for the seventh session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-7), which reads "Advancing sustainable solutions for a resilient planet", I am pleased to share with you the roadmap for an iterative, open, transparent, participatory and inclusive intergovernmental consultations on the draft ministerial declaration of UNEA-7.

The roadmap has been developed based on established practice and experience gained for this process since UNEA-1, as well as the guidance provided by the Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR) in its decision 167/1 on UNEA-6 lessons learned. It has also been enriched by the discussions in the joint meeting of the UNEA and CPR Bureaux held on 11 December 2024 and the comments provided by Member States and observers, including the major groups and stakeholders, at the 168th meeting of the CPR held on 17 December 2024. The roadmap is to guide our work, and it may be adjusted as the process moves forward, including the convening of additional consultations as needed.

To start the process, I invite you to provide your initial thoughts, key topics and issues to be considered for inclusion in a short, concise, forward looking, ambitious and action-oriented zero draft ministerial declaration.

In this regard, I would like to remind you that the UNEA ministerial declaration should focus on the global environmental agenda in a concise, forward looking, ambitious and action-oriented manner, by

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tackling emerging environmental challenges. It should also relate closely to the theme of the session as well as, to the theme of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, as applicable. To facilitate our work, I invite you to consider the following questions:

- 1. What would the Ministers for the Environment propose as the most important elements and or key messages that would enable the ministerial declaration to take forward the UNEA theme in the most impactful manner?
- 2. What key messages or conclusions from recent scientific reports would the Ministers for the Environment recommend for consideration in the ministerial declaration?
- 3. What proposed collective actions and policy solutions should the Ministers for the Environment adopt to advance the UNEA theme and promote effective and inclusive environmental governance?
- 4. Any other message(s) would the Ministers for the Environment wish to be considered or included in the ministerial declaration?

I kindly request your succinct, focused and concise written inputs by Friday, 21 February 2025 to the secretariat of the United Nations Environment Programme using the e-Submit module on the e-deleGATE. More information on how to access the e-deleGATE [https://edelegate.un.int] and to share your inputs through e-Submit module is available on the website of the Committee of Permanent Representatives [https://www.unep.org/cpr/about-cpr/e-delegate].

All written inputs received will be made available on the Ministerial Declaration page [https://www.unep.org/environmentassembly/unea7/ministerial-declaration] of the UNEA-7 website and will form the basis for a short, concise and action-oriented zero draft of the ministerial declaration to be circulated to Members States and observers, including the major groups and stakeholders, before the first intergovernmental consultations scheduled for 15 April 2025.

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I thank you for your trust and cooperation as we work together to achieve an impactful ministerial declaration and UNEA-7.

I look forward to your contributions, continued support and active engagement in this process.

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



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President of the United Nations Environment Assembly



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