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We have the honour to express our sincere appreciation for your valuable feedback on the draft strategy of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021 – 2030, currently being jointly developed by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). We were pleased to receive, via the open review process launched earlier this year, more than 2,000 comments on the draft strategy from a wide range of stakeholders globally. The final strategy, based on all the feedback received, was released on 15 September 2020. More details on the release is available on the [UN Decade website](#).

We would also like to take this opportunity to underscore the utmost effort put in by the joint FAO/UNEP team working on the Decade to develop the strategy document in an open, inclusive and participatory manner. This is in line with the spirit of resolution 73/284 of the United Nations General Assembly which calls for a global effort that includes the full involvement of all relevant stakeholders. The strategy reflects this spirit by focusing on a collaborative approach based on extensive partnerships to achieve the vision of the Decade. We, therefore, very much look forward to your continued support and active engagement in the implementation of the Decade in order to make it one of the most vital contributions to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The Decade envisions a world where the relationship between humans and nature is restored, the area of healthy ecosystems is increased, and their loss and degradation is brought to a halt. Accomplishing this vision requires participation of the entire global community and we thank you for being part of it from very early on.

Once more, we look forward to our continued collaboration in making the Decade a turning point for ecosystem restoration globally.

Accept, Excellency, the assurance of our highest consideration.

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