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Excellency,

05 January 2026

I am writing regarding the contribution of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) to the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF), to be held under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council from 6 to 15 July 2026 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, under the theme “*Transformative, equitable, innovative and coordinated actions for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals for a sustainable future for all*”.

I am pleased to circulate the letter from the President of the Economic and Social Council, H. E. Mr. Lok Bahadur Thapa, dated 28 October 2025, inviting UNEA’s contribution to the 2026 HLPF theme and to the following Sustainable Development Goals, which will be reviewed in-depth, without prejudice to their integrated, indivisible, and interlinked nature:

- **SDG 6:** Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all;
- **SDG 7:** Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all;
- **SDG 9:** Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization, and foster innovation;
- **SDG 11:** Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable; and
- **SDG 17:** Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development.

The President of ECOSOC has provided the following template for UNEA’s input, taking into account UNEA’s mandate and perspectives:

- (a) **Assessment** of achievements and/or impediments in implementing SDGs 6, 7, 9, 11 and 17.
- (b) **Key areas** where innovation, inclusive and transformative solutions are being advanced to achieve the Goals under review, ensuring that no one is left behind.
- (c) **Examples** of efforts to enhance coordination on cross-cutting initiatives, programmes and activities aimed at scaling up impact across multiple Goals, given their interlinked nature.

- (d) **Follow-up actions and measures** being undertaken by your intergovernmental body or forum to support the implementation of the Pact of the Future, the Sevilla Commitment, the outcome of the Second World Summit for Social Development, as well as to accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; and
- (e) **Recommendations and key messages** to be considered for inclusion in the Ministerial Declaration of the 2026 ECOSOC High-level Segment and HLPF.

In this regard, I wish to recall that UNEA, in its [resolution 3/3](#) on the contributions of the UNEA to the high-level political forum on sustainable development, decided to provide timely substantive inputs to the annual meetings of the HLPF, including during the intersessional period between the biennial sessions of UNEA and that the inputs will be prepared by the Executive Director or the secretariat of UNEP, under the guidance of the President of the Environment Assembly, in consultation with and for consideration by the Committee of Permanent Representatives.

I am pleased to share the tentative timeline for the preparation, finalization, and submission of UNEA's contribution to the 2026 HLPF, as follows:

- **23 January 2026:** Circulation of the zero draft to delegations, with a deadline of **6 February 2026** for written inputs;
- **20 February 2026:** Circulation of a revised draft to delegations;
- **24 February 2026:** Presentation of the revised draft by the President of UNEA at the subcommittee meeting;
- **25 February 2026:** Deadline for written inputs on the revised draft; and
- **2 March 2026:** Finalization and transmittal of UNEA's contribution from the President of UNEA to the President of ECOSOC, **no later than 2 March.**

I count on your support to ensure timely preparation of UNEA's contribution to the 2026 HLPF.

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

Your sincerely,



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