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Dear Minister,

The mandate for the sixth Global Environment Outlook was provided by Member States in the UN Environment Assembly resolution 1/4. The final report will be provided to Member States for endorsement at the fourth UN Environment Assembly in 2019. The development of the sixth Global Environment Outlook is guided by three advisory bodies, responsible for ensuring the policy relevance, the scientific integrity and the soundness of methodologies.

The foundation of the Outlook is also provided by 6 regional environmental assessments produced in 2016. The report is being drafted using the expertise of over 100 external environmental, policy and outlooks specialists who have agreed to provide UN Environment with their best independent analysis and advice. Important efforts have been made to ensure geographic and gender balance in the author teams so that the analysis presented in the Global Environment Outlook is as relevant as possible to the widest group of policy makers from all the world's regions.

I am pleased to inform you that the first 9 chapters of the Global Environment Outlook, will be available for intergovernmental review during the period 3 July to 15 September 2017.

We therefore request you to kindly identify by 30 June 2017, expert(s) from your Government who could review these and send the information to the Heads of the Global Environment Outlook programme Mr. Pierre Boileau, at e-mail, GEO.Head@unep.org.

The chapters cover:

- Introduction and context
- Drivers of environmental change
- The state of our data and knowledge
- Links between the environment and other sustainability issues
- Air, Fresh Water, Oceans, Land, Biodiversity.

Using the recently published Guidelines for Conducting Integrated Environmental Assessments¹, the sixth Global Environment Outlook is expected to provide a comprehensive picture of the environmental factors contributing to human well-being, accompanied by an analysis of policies leading to greater attainment of internationally agreed environmental goals as well as those included in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

You are kindly invited to inform UN Environment of your nominated reviewer(s) to the
We look forward to receiving the invaluable comments and inputs from your Government and thank you in advance for your contribution. All those who provide substantive written comments will be acknowledged.

Yours sincerely,

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To: Ministers responsible for the Environment in all UN Environment Member States
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¹ Available at <http://www.unep.org/geo/guidelines-conducting-integrated-environmental-assessments>
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