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Excellency,

I am pleased to attach the Statement by the Global Intergovernmental and Multi-stakeholder Consultation on the fifth Global Environment Outlook (*GEO-5*). The consultation took place at the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya from 29 to 31 March 2010.

The consultation agreed on the objectives, scope and process for *GEO-5* and recommended engaging a wide range of global and regional partners in the assessment as authors, experts, peer-reviewers and advisors. The groups and roles are explained further in the attached document entitled 'GEO-5 Nominations'. Partners should include governments/ministries, United Nations bodies and other international organizations, scientific institutions, regional collaborating centres, NGOs, the private sector and indigenous peoples networks, as appropriate.

The consultation further recommended inviting the partners to nominate their representatives to contribute to the *GEO-5* assessment content development as well as to participate in relevant advisory and working groups.

Consequently, I have the honour to invite you to nominate representatives to the *GEO-5* assessment at the highest possible science, policy and/or advisory level. The nominees are expected to have a thorough understanding in one or more of the following areas: environmental science; environment and development priorities, challenges and policy; and environmental management or governance.

Nominations should be submitted by the **16 May 2010** using the online form available at <http://www.unep.org/geo/nominations/>

The username and password are as follows:

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Following the close of this nomination process, the secretariat will make the final selection of representatives by matching expertise to specific roles paying due regard to disciplinary, gender and geographical balance. The final selection of experts will be made publicly available by 30 May 2010.

There will be one further nomination process for experts to participate in preparing the regional chapters following the outcome of the Regional Consultations which are tentatively scheduled to take place between June and September 2010. Further information regarding this second nomination process will be provided as soon as possible.

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

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To: Ministers responsible for the environment of all Governments
Cc: Permanent Missions to UNEP

Attachments: GEO-5 Nomination Process

The Statement by the Global Intergovernmental and Multi-stakeholder
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