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Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme

The United Nations Secretariat presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations and has the honour to request the nomination of candidates for the position of Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) at the Under-Secretary-General level and based in Nairobi, Kenya.

UNEP is the leading global environmental authority that sets the global environmental agenda, promotes coherent implementation of the environmental dimension of sustainable development within the United Nations system and serves as an authoritative advocate for the global environment. UNEP's mission is to provide leadership and encourage partnership in caring for the environment by inspiring, informing, and enabling nations and peoples to improve their quality of life without compromising that of future generations.

The Executive Director of UNEP is accountable to the Secretary-General and is responsible for all the activities of the UNEP Secretariat, as well as its administration. The Executive Director:

- Provides the environmental policy leadership within the world community;
- Provides management oversight and leadership to UNEP in its implementation of activities to protect the world's environment, including direct oversight of the major elements of the Environment Programme;
- Identifies emerging environmental issues of global significance and catalyses action to address them by Governments and intergovernmental bodies, scientific institutions, the private sector and community groups, thus promoting global environmental cooperation;
- Promotes partnerships with other United Nations bodies to ensure effective coordination of environmental activities in the United Nations system and avoid overlaps and duplication of effort and resources;
- Administers, under the authority of the United Nations Environment Assembly of UNEP (UNEA), the Environment Fund and reports on environmental matters to the Governing Council;
- Participates in the Administrative Committee on Coordination, ensuring a visible and authoritative voice on environmental issues;
- Exercises the authority conferred by conferences of parties to conventions of which UNEP is host to their secretariats, thus facilitating the operation of those environmental conventions and promoting synergies among them.

Further information on UNEP is available in the Secretary-General's Bulletin ST/SGB/2006/13 and on the following website: <http://www.unep.org/>

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII), the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme shall be elected by the General Assembly on the nomination of the Secretary-General for a term of four years.

In order to ensure a wide pool of candidates for this position, the Secretariat welcomes nominations to supplement the Secretary General's search and consultations. The nomination of women candidates is strongly encouraged.

Nominations should include the curriculum vitae of the candidate with full contact information (e-mail and telephone) and must be sent to the Secretariat of the United Nations by 31 December 2018. Nominations may also be sent to eosg2018unep@un.org

The Secretary-General is seeking an individual with:

- Demonstrated extensive knowledge and experience of environmental and sustainable development issues derived from leadership experience in an academic, governmental, inter-governmental and/or non-governmental setting;
- Demonstrated leadership experience with strategic vision and proven skills in leading transformation in, and managing complex organizations, such as intergovernmental, international non-governmental or multinational private sector entities;
- Ability to be a powerful and convincing advocate on all aspects of environmental issues and the broader sustainable development agenda worldwide and within the United Nations system;
- Proven track record of change management in complex organizations and accomplishments at the regional, national or international level with strong resource mobilization, political and diplomatic skills;
- Demonstrated ability to work harmoniously in a multi-cultural team and establish harmonious and effective working relationships both within and outside the organization;

- Proven ability to inspire, encourage, build trust, confidence and consensus, stimulate effective campaigns and drive collective action among a broad spectrum of people and organizations at the national and international level to create opportunities and solutions to environmental challenges;
- High commitment to the values and guiding principles of the United Nations and familiarity with the United Nations system, including peacekeeping, humanitarian and development settings and challenges.

Human Rights Screening

In accordance with the policy for the nomination of candidates, the Secretariat wishes to outline that it is the responsibility of the nominating Government to ensure that each candidate it nominates has not been convicted of, or is not currently under investigation or being prosecuted for, any criminal offence, or any violation of international human rights law or international humanitarian law. In the case of nominees who have been investigated for, charged with or prosecuted for any criminal offence but were not convicted, the nominating Government is requested to provide information regarding the investigation(s) or prosecutions concerned. The nominating Government is also requested to certify that it is not aware of any allegations against its nominated candidates that they have been involved, by act or omission, in the commission of any acts that amount to violations of international human rights law or international humanitarian law.

Individuals who are either nominated by Member States or who seek to serve with the United Nations in any individual capacity will be required, if short-listed, to complete a self- attestation stating that they have not committed, been convicted of, nor prosecuted for, any criminal offence and have not been involved, by act or omission, in the commission of any violation of international human rights law or international humanitarian law.

Conflicts of Interest

Short-listed individuals will also be required to complete the pre-appointment declaration of interests for senior positions to identify possible conflicts of interest that may arise and to proactively prevent and manage, as much as possible and in a timely manner, situations in which personal interests may conflict or appear to conflict with the interests of the United Nations, should the individual be appointed to this position.

The United Nations Secretariat avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.