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ПРОГРАММА ОРГАНИЗАЦИИ ОБЪЕДИНЕННЫХ НАЦИЙ ПО ОКРУЖАЮЩЕЙ СРЕДЕ

Our Ref: DEWA/EnvironmentWatch/MC/IB/as

5th August 2005

Your Excellency,

I refer to Governing Council decision GC.23/1.II, paragraph 9, of February 2005 in which the Executive Director was requested:

“to update his proposal for an “Environment Watch” framework (UNEP/GC.23/3 and UNEP/GC.23/INF/18), taking into account the recommendations of the intergovernmental consultation on strengthening the scientific base of the United Nations Environment Programme held in January 2004 (see document UNEP/GCSS.VIII/5/Add.4) and also the outcome of the intergovernmental and multi-stakeholder consultation on the fourth Global Environment Outlook of February 2005 (UNEP/GC.23/CRP.5), and to submit that update to Governments, for their views, so as to enable submission of a report to the Governing Council at its ninth special session”.

Please find attached the updated proposal for an “Environment Watch” framework for review and comments by your Government. We would appreciate it if you could send your comments to the Director, Division of Early Warning and Assessment, at the following address, no later than 15 September 2005:

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The proposal is being translated into all United Nations languages and the translated versions will be available on the Science Initiative web site <http://science.unep.org> by the middle of August 2005.

Please find attached also a questionnaire for the “Environment Watch” framework which aims to collect information on the current state of legal, institutional and other mechanisms related to keeping the environment under review in your country, and also to identifying the needs which exist. I would be most grateful if your Government could also complete the questionnaire, which is entirely voluntary, and submit it, as above, no later than 30 September 2005.

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

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Executive Director

To: Ministers responsible for environment

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