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

5 August 2005

Dear Colleague,

I refer to Governing Council decision GC.23/1.II paragraph 9 of February 2005 which requested the Executive Director 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 (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 up-dated proposal for an “Environment Watch” framework for review and comments by your institution. We would appreciate 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 the UN languages and the translated versions will be available on the Science Initiative website: <http://science.unep.org> by the middle of August 2005.

Yours Sincerely,

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Executive Director

To: Heads of Institutions

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