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Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to UNEP Governing Council decision GC.24/1.III, III (Strengthening the scientific base of the United Nations Environment Programme) paragraph 7, of February 2007 in which the Executive Director was requested: -

*"to consult Governments, other United Nations bodies, financial institutions including the Global Environment Facility, the private sector and civil society, multilateral environmental agreements, the scientific community including global observing systems and other partners with a view to improving further the proposed Environment Watch strategy as an integral part of the wider strategic vision of the United Nations Environment Programme, to report back to the Governing Council at its twenty-fifth session with a revised proposal which should include component cost estimates for work proposed for the 2010–2011 biennium and to make those estimates available to the Committee of Permanent Representatives early in the budget process".*

Please find attached the *Environment Watch strategy: Vision 2020* as presented to the 24<sup>th</sup> session of the UNEP Governing Council for review and comments by your Government. The strategy is available in all United Nations languages on the Science Initiative website <http://www.unep.org/scienceinitiative> and the online version has been re-formatted in order to accept comments directly from all stakeholders consulted in accordance with paragraph 7 of the GC.24 decision. Posting of comments requires registration. This is the preferred channel for Governments and other stakeholders to provide comments.

However, in the event your Government is not able to provide comments on-line please send your comments directly to the Director, Division of Early Warning and Assessment, at the following address, no later than 31<sup>st</sup> December 2007:

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

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