



Letter of Intent (the “Letter”)

Paving the way for Coordination and Collaboration on UN System-wide Support for E-waste Management (not legally binding)

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the **United Nations Institute for Training and Research** (hereinafter referred to as “UNITAR”) having its Headquarters located at Chemin des Anémones, 1219 Châtelaine, Geneva, Switzerland,

the **International Labour Organization** (hereinafter referred to as “ILO”), having its Headquarters located at 4 Route des Morillons, 1211, Geneva 22, Switzerland.

(hereinafter collectively referred to as “the Signatories” and individually as a “Signatory”)

NOTING the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development with its three dimensions - economic development, social inclusion and environmental protection - as a plan of action for people, planet and prosperity;

NOTING the current and ongoing Issue Management Group on Tackling E-waste, which is coordinated by the UN Environment Management Group, and which aims to increase coordination and collaboration among UN organizations on tackling the e-waste issue;

NOTING the letter sent by the Rector of UNU to Heads of UN organizations and discussions among the Signatories to better coordinate and synergize their respective e-waste efforts, ideally paving the way towards a UN alliance to support its Member States (or Parties) in better managing e-waste;

NOTING the growing amounts of e-waste globally and the low collection and treatment rates as highlighted in the Global E-waste Monitors, despite the enormous potential of better e-waste management to serve as a resource, in particular through urban mining, and to create green jobs;

WHEREAS the Signatories' desire to strengthen non-binding cooperation with each other, leveraging on their respective strengths and capacities;

Now, therefore, the Signatories agree as follows:

1 Purpose of this Letter of Intent (LOI)

The purpose of LOI is to establish a non-legally-binding framework for the coordination and collaboration which the Signatories mutually intend to undertake in the areas provided in Paragraph 2 (hereinafter referred to as the "Cooperation").

2 Areas of Cooperation

In accordance with their respective rules, regulations and procedures, the Signatories hereby express their mutual intent to collaborate with one another - and a separate formal legal instrument would be issued later as needed if the Signatories reach agreement on it - on the following areas:

2.1 To work together on the following activities:

- a) Participation in the Issue Management Group on Tackling E-waste and any related meetings or work streams;
- b) Joint organization of meetings, workshops and / or other capacity building activities;
- c) Co-financing and joint implementation of projects;
- d) Joint studies and projects in areas of mutual interest;
- e) Provision and sharing of e-waste expertise and information among one another; and / or
- f) Implementation of other activities that are consistent with the purpose of this LOI, as may be mutually agreed in writing between the Parties.

2.2 The proposed areas of Cooperation listed in 2.1 aims at contributing to the achievement of the ongoing work streams of the Issue Management Group on Tackling E-waste:

- Support a UN system-wide knowledge sharing platform on e-waste for UN entities;
- Implement strengthened UN system-wide programmatic collaboration on e-waste;
- Strengthen UN system-wide engagement with other stakeholder groups; and
- Consider ways to deliver as one in countries to tackle national e-waste problems.

2.3 The implementation of any specific joint activities set in Paragraph 2.1 above, including, without limitation, the roles, responsibilities, rights and obligations of each Signatory and the legal, financial and operational aspects, expected outcomes, work schedules, applicable budgets of such joint activities, if agreement is reached among the Signatories, might be set out in one or more separate formal legal instrument(s), project document(s) and/or other instrument(s) which might be separately negotiated, agreed to and signed by the Signatories following the execution of this LOI.

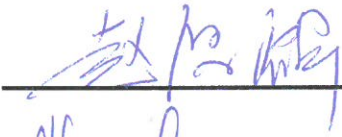
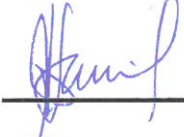
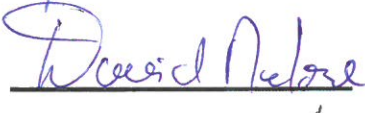
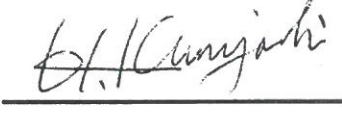

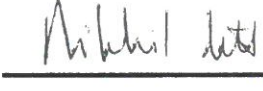
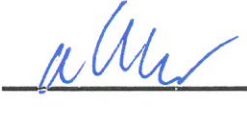
3 Status of this LOI

- 3.1 This LOI serves only as a record of the Signatories' intentions and are not intended as, and will not be deemed or construed as, a legally binding agreement between the Signatories. Nothing contained in this LOI gives rise to any form of fiduciary or legal obligations or responsibilities by any Signatory under national or international law
- 3.2 This is to be noted that nothing in the present LOI shall constitute, and shall be deemed or construed as a legally binding agreement, nor as any obligation or commitment of any type, whether express or implied, by any Signatory in respect of the provision of funds or financing; and any activities that may be conducted hereunder will be subject to and contingent upon the availability of sufficient staff, funds and other resources.

4 Prior forms of cooperation between the Signatories

- 4.1 This LOI does not supersede, nor prejudice, other forms of cooperation between the Signatories on other subject matters.

Acknowledgement of this LOI is made by each of the duly authorized representatives of the above mentioned 7 (seven) Signatories, in 7 (seven) originals and in the English language, as follows:

<u>For:</u>	<u>Signatures:</u>	<u>Date:</u>	<u>Name & Title:</u>
ITU		21/3/18	Mr. Houlin Zhao Secretary General
UNEP		21/03/2018	For Mr. Erik Solheim Executive Director
UNU		25/04/2018	Dr. David M. Malone Rector
UNIDO		21/03/2018	Mr. Hiroshi Kuniyoshi Deputy Director General
SBC/SSC		21/03/2018	Dr. Rolph Payet Executive Secretary of the Basel and Stockholm Conventions
UNITAR		21/3/2018	Mr. Nikhil Seth Executive Director
ILO		21/3/18	Ms. Alette van Leur Director of the Sectoral Policies Department