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Dear Colleagues,

I am most grateful for the substantive and comprehensive suggestions received from many of you in response to my letter dated 22 June 2009 on the issues to be discussed by the Senior Officials meeting of the Environment Management Group (EMG) at its 15<sup>th</sup> Session on 23 September 2009 in New York.

I am pleased to send you the attached Note comprising of the provisional agenda, organization of work and suggested actions and background information. The Note is prepared on the basis of your submissions, the ongoing work of the EMG as well as directions and expectations emanating from the General Assembly, UNEP Governing Council, the Joint Inspection Unit, Office of Internal Oversight Services and the Chief Executive Board.

The Senior Officials segment of the meeting will focus on the strategic cluster of interrelated issues consisting of environmental change, the green economy and international environmental governance. The preparatory technical segment of the meeting will focus on the suggested actions, including those related to ongoing EMG activities.

If you have comments on the Note and the agenda, please send them to the EMG secretariat as soon as possible.

For the EMG Secretariat to better arrange the logistics of the meeting, I would highly appreciate if you could send us confirmation of your attendance by email to [EMG@unep.ch](mailto:EMG@unep.ch) no later than 16 September 2009. In case you will not be able to personally attend, I will be most grateful if you could nominate a senior official of your organization to represent you.

Detailed information on the meeting's venue and logistical arrangements will be provided to you in due course.

I look forward to your active participation and having fruitful discussions.

Yours sincerely,



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Executive Director and  
Chair, EMG

To Members of EMG

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