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Dear Colleagues,

I wish to refer to my letter of 27 June 2012 regarding the 18th Senior Officials meeting of the Environment Management Group (EMG) to be held on 1 November 2012, in New York.

I would like to thank Mr. Wu Hongbo, Under Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) for accepting to co-chair the meeting and UNDP for providing the venue, the LRC Room on the 11th floor of the UNDP FF-building, 304 E 45th Street, and supporting the logistical arrangements of the meeting.

I would like to thank those of you who have provided us with views on the agenda and have confirmed participation to the meeting.

I am pleased to send you the following working documents for the meeting:

- 1. Provisional agenda and organization of work
- 2. EMG progress report on ongoing work and suggested directions for further work
- 3. Strategic directions for EMG: contribution to the Implementation of the Rio+20 Outcome Document
- 4. EMG workplan 2013-2014

In addition, please find attached an information note on logistics and a note on peer reviewing the environmental profile of members of the EMG.

I would be grateful if additional confirmation of your attendance or your senior representatives is sent to the EMG Secretariat by e-mail to <u>emg@unep.org</u>. Video and audio conference connection will be provided to those who will not be able to attend in person. Please inform the EMG Secretariat, no later than 26 October, in case you require audio/video connection so that we can make the necessary arrangements.

I look forward to fruitful discussions and thank you again for your continued support to the work of the EMG.

Yours sincerely

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