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Dear Madam/Sir,

Subject: Invitation to a UNEA-3 side event on "The role of circular economy in the transition towards a pollution-free planet"

In the framework of the high-level segment of the Third UN Environment Assembly that will take place in Nairobi, Kenya, the EU is organising, on 5 December 2017, the above side event on circular economy in cooperation with the UN Environment Programme and with the support of the World Economic Forum, the Ellen MacArthur Foundation, the Institute of Development Studies and Chatham House.

We would be very honoured to welcome you as a participant for this event which will set the frame for global action on sustainable consumption and production, exploring how a circular economy can address resource constraints and generate economic opportunities for a pollution free world. You will hear about real experiences in building pathways towards a clean, efficient and circular economy able to address unsustainable consumption and production patterns in the context of sustainable development. The programme foresees some time for interaction with the audience during which participants will be invited to provide successful and concrete examples of the potential of circular economy for countries' development and inspire the transition to greener economies.

During the event, the contribution to specific Sustainable Development Goal targets will be highlighted, including on promoting sound chemicals management, reducing waste and pollution of all environmental compartments. The side event will discuss how to accelerate and scale up this action in the run up to the High Level Political Forum 2018, linking EU, country, UN Environment Programme and other partners' initiatives for global impact and transformative change.

You will find attached the draft programme of the event. If you intend to participate we kindly ask you to register by email to ENV-UNEA3@ec.europa.eu by 1 December.

We look forward to meeting you in Nairobi.

Yours faithfully,



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Encl.: draft programme of the side event