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MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

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**H.E.Mr. Siim Kiisler**

**Minister of Environment of Estonia  
President of the United Nations Environment Assembly**

*Comments and suggestions for the Draft Outline Document for the Ministerial Outcome Document of the 2019 United Nations Environment Assembly.*

Dear Mr. Siim Kiisler,

With reference to your letter dated August 08, 2018 regarding the Draft Outline Document for the Ministerial Outcome Document of the 2019 United Nations Environment Assembly (hereinafter referred to as the Draft), we have the honour to provide our comments and suggestions as follows:

1. We generally agree with this Draft as it has captured important concerns and issues which shall be addressed at the UNEA-4.

2. Whilst we support the Draft, we suggest the following contents to be added to the Draft:

- With respect to the Main Priority 2, it shall mention that *"The product life cycle approach shall be applied in eco-innovation activities within enterprises and industrial parks, industrial clusters in order to improve efficient resource utilization, prevent and reduce waste"*.

- Regarding the Main Priority 3, we wish to mention the involvement of enterprises in promoting innovative approaches to address global environmental challenges and increase production and sustainable consumption, as businesses and their business activities play an utmost important role in mitigating impacts on resource use and the environment. Ecological solutions of enterprises are real contributions to environmental protection activities. Green businesses are also essential to promoting sustainable development around the globe.

3. We wish to see the Draft include the following Vietnamese priorities related to the theme of this year's Conference:

- It is a fact that environmental pollution is a global problem, particularly severe in developing countries under pressures from population growth, economic growth needs, as well as less efficient production technology. We, therefore, urge the Conference to have a separate topic of cooperation mechanisms to support developing countries in preventing and combating environmental pollution problems.

- The Government of Viet Nam is making efforts in integrating ecological solutions in sustainable production and consumption into strategic documents and policies. Therefore, we wish to receive support from the United Nations Environment Assembly in strengthening our capacity to formulate strategies and policies on sustainable production and consumption.

- We recognize that technological advancement is essential to minimize the impact on the environment and transition towards more efficient and responsible use of resources. Hence,



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support from the United Nations Environment Assembly for Viet Nam in receiving advanced technology for sustainable production and consumption will be effective and of great impact.

We appreciate the United Nations Environment Assembly's hard work on the Draft Outline. We truly hope that our comments and suggestions will be welcomed and considered by the UNEA-4.

If you would like further clarification of the points raised in this letter we would be happy to discuss these further with you.

Sincerely,



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