Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that I will convene a High-Level Thematic Debate on the theme “Moment for Nature,” on Tuesday, 19 July 2022, at 10 a.m., in the United Nations Headquarters.

The thematic debate will be convened pursuant to General Assembly resolution 72/313 of 17 September 2018, entitled “Revitalisation of the work of the General Assembly”, in which the Assembly recognised the value of holding interactive, inclusive thematic debates on current issues of critical importance to the international community and called upon the President of the General Assembly to organise such debates in close consultation with the General Committee and Member States.

Achieving the Paris Agreement’s 1.5 degrees target and safeguarding humanity’s future will require greater coordination than ever, on reducing greenhouse gas emissions, protecting biodiversity on land and sea, restoring life to degraded land and soils, tackling pollution and achieving circular economies.

The High Level Thematic Debate is intended to facilitate this integrated approach, and achieve the level of cohesion needed among the global environmental work streams to keep the 1.5 degrees target alive, and rapidly accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

This debate will promote solutions to common bottlenecks affecting the entire environmental agenda and foster hope in our collective capacity, by highlighting best practices and transformative partnerships that break the siloes and could accelerate implementation on all fronts, and at all levels.

A concept note and provisional programme will be circulated in the coming days.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration

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