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Excellency,

We are at a watershed moment in the history of the world and the UN, requiring significant progress on transformation to achieve sustainable development, as well as to strengthen cooperation for peace and stability.

My commitment is to drive the work of the 77th session of the Assembly through solidarity, sustainability and science towards solutions that have meaningful impacts. This commitment is closely linked to the transformation called for by Member States and the vision offered by the UN Secretary General in his report “Our Common Agenda”.

Given their complexity, overcoming global challenges like the food and water crisis, climate change or the Covid-19 pandemic requires a sound scientific base. In order to deliver on the 2030 Agenda, we need to achieve real transformation, based on the latest findings of science. In my view, ahead of major events to be convened under the aegis of the General Assembly, Member States should be given the opportunity to consider what science can offer in terms of evidence and advice.

I am seeking the international community’s contribution to supporting the work of the Assembly with scientific inputs. Reaching out to all Member States, I am asking for your recommendations regarding scientific institutions and research entities in your country which can feed our deliberations in the year ahead with target-specific

evidence on a number of issues, including the implementation of the SDGs and the way forward for “Our Common Agenda”.

Drawing on your recommendations, I intend to engage with such science-based knowledge centers so as to exchange views, inter alia, on risk factors we face and the integrated character of the solutions we need.

The best potential candidates to be involved may come from the fields of climate, water, biodiversity, ecology, food security, energy, the economy of sustainable development, earth sciences, sociology, financial research and the nexus areas of the above disciplines.

My team aims at approaching as many of the suggested science-based knowledge centers as possible with concrete questions in preparation for the upcoming events under the auspices of the General Assembly.

Please let our sustainable development team leader Johannes Cullman (johannes.cullman@un.org) and expert Veronika Csiszár (veronika.csiszar@un.org) have your recommendations by 13 September 2022, when I will take office as President of the 77th session of the General Assembly.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew the assurances of my highest consideration.



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