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MEMORANDUM

TO : All Bureau Directors

The Director
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FROM : The Undersecretary
Policy, Planning and International Affairs

SUBJECT : HIGH-LEVEL THEMATIC DEBATE ON “MOMENT FOR NATURE”

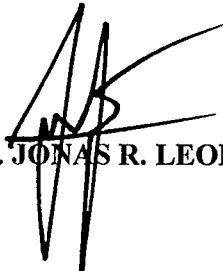
DATE : MAY 31 2022

May we refer the herein letter dated 23 May 2022 from Assistant Secretary Kira Christianne D. Azucena of the Office of United Nations and International Organizations, Department of Foreign Affairs, informing of the High-Level Thematic Debate on “Moment for Nature” to be held on 19 July 2022 at the UN Headquarters in New York.

The Debate aims to facilitate the integrated approach and achieve the level of cohesion needed among the global environmental workstreams to attain the Paris Agreement’s 1.5 degrees target and accelerate the implementation of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It is also expected to promote solutions to common bottlenecks affecting the entire environment agenda by highlighting best practices and transformative partnerships. Further, the Debate is in accordance with UN General Assembly Resolution 72/313 of 17 September 2018, which recognized the value of holding interactive, inclusive thematic debates on current issues of critical importance to the international community. The resolution called upon the PGA to organize such debates in close consultation with the General Committee and UN Member States.

In view of the PH’s participation in the Debate, may we request you to submit inputs for inclusion in the national statement **before 15 June 2022** and to be consolidated and submitted by the Policy and Planning Service to this Office **before 16 June 2022**.

For your information and appropriate action.


ATTY. JONAS R. LEONES

DFA-UNIO's letter to NEDA, DENR, CCC re High-Level Thematic Debate on Moment for Nature, 19 July 2022

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Wed, May 25, 2022 at 9:22 AM

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Good day.

Attached is DFA-UNIO's letter to NEDA, DENR, CCC re High-Level Thematic Debate on Moment for Nature to be held on 19 July 2022 at the UN Headquarters in New York.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this email. Thank you.

Sincerely,

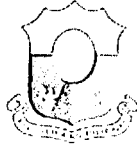
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**Your FEEDBACK matters.**

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**DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
KAGAWARAN NG UGNAYANG PANLABAS**

OFFICE OF UNITED NATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

23 May 2022

Sir:

Attached is a letter from Mr. Abdulla Shahid, President of the General Assembly (PGA), informing Member States of the High-Level Thematic Debate on "Moment for Nature" to be held on 19 July 2022 at the UN Headquarters in New York.

The Debate aims to facilitate the integrated approach and achieve the level of cohesion needed among the global environmental workstreams to attain the Paris Agreement's 1.5 degrees target and accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It is also expected to promote solutions to common bottlenecks affecting the entire environmental agenda by highlighting best practices and transformative partnerships.

The Debate is in accordance with UN General Assembly Resolution 72/313 of 17 September 2018 (Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly), which recognized the value of holding interactive, inclusive thematic debates on current issues of critical importance to the international community. The resolution called upon the PGA to organize such debates in close consultation with the General Committee and UN Member States.

In view of PH's participation in the Debate, we wish to request your inputs for inclusion in the national statement by email at unio.div2@dfa.gov.ph by **17 June 2022**.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,
For the Secretary of Foreign Affairs:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kira Christianne D. Azucena'.

KIRA CHRISTIANNE D. AZUCENA
Assistant Secretary

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PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

9 May 2022

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Abdulla Shahid', written over a horizontal line.

Abdulla SHAHID

All Permanent Representatives
and Permanent Observers to the United Nations
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