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Dear Dr. József Popp,

I am writing to express, on behalf of UNEP, our sincere gratitude to you for your invaluable contribution as a Lead Author for Chapter twenty: Regional Dimensions of the Transformative Solutions for the Global Environmental Crises (Eastern Europe and sub-regions), in the Global Environment Outlook, Seventh Edition: The Future We Choose (2025).

The report was launched on the 9th of December and is already receiving a lot of attention from hundreds of media outlets around the world. Your experience and input were instrumental in its success. We are pleased to share that Member States took note with appreciation of the GEO-7 as mentioned in the Ministerial Declaration adopted at Seventh United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-7) in Nairobi, Kenya (8-12 December 2025), and expressed gratitude to the scientists, researchers, authors, peer reviewers and all others who contributed, in that same Declaration.

Together, the GEO-7 experts helped ensure that the UN Environment Programme produced a report that was scientifically credible, politically legitimate and policy relevant. We hope that the topics presented in the report will stimulate discussions on how the pressing global environmental issues can be addressed in a timely and effective manner.

The United Nations Environment Programme will continue to strengthen the science-policy interface to support global environmental governance for an environmentally sustainable future.

We look forward to staying in touch with you as we go forward to support Member States and Stakeholders, providing them with solid scientific evidence to inform their policies and actions.

Yours Sincerely,



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