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**Subject: Submission of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)
Inputs to the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework**

Dear **Dr. Pașca Palmer**:

Greetings from the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB)!

We are pleased to submit the attached ASEAN Initial Inputs to the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. This contribution of the ASEAN to the development of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework is a result of the series of consultation meetings convened by the ACB among the 10 ASEAN Member States (AMS) and key partners in the region. The first meeting was held on 24 April 2019 in Manila, Philippines, and the second meeting was held on 8 May 2019 in Vientiane, Lao PDR.

In these consultation meetings, the AMS discussed how the vision for the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework may be developed, including the tools and measures on which to realise this vision in four action areas such as mainstreaming, resource mobilisation, communication, and integrating diverse perspectives. Furthermore, the AMS had set out its preliminary positions on the elements of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework following the outcome of the Asia-Pacific Regional Consultation on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework in Nagoya, Japan in January 2019. At the ASEAN Consultation Meeting on the Post- 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework held on 24 April 2019, we also had the privilege of having with us, via teleconference, the Open Ended Working Group (OEWG) Co-Chair, Mr. Francis Ogwal (Uganda), who provided guidance to the meeting and shared an overview of the global post-2020 process.

The attached document has likewise been deliberated and endorsed by the AMS through the ASEAN Working Group on Nature Conservation and Biodiversity and the ACB Governing Board, with support from the ASEAN Secretariat and the ACB.

The AMS through its Leaders and Heads of State, will also prepare a statement on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework in time for the 15th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in 2020 in China. The ACB, in

consultation with the AMS and the ASEAN Secretariat have mapped out a process within the ASEAN to develop such statement taking into account further developments in the post-2020 consultation process being led by the CBD Secretariat, under your leadership.

We hope that the attached ASEAN Initial Inputs to the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework would be included as part of the information documents at the First Meeting of the OEWG on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework to be held from 27 to 30 August 2019 in Nairobi, Kenya.

We thank you for your unrelenting efforts to raise awareness and promote actions for an ambitious and prompt global response to biodiversity loss.

Very truly yours,



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