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Briefing to Permanent Missions on post-Rio+20: Challenges and opportunities

On behalf of H.E. Ms. Ana Teresa Dengo Benavides (Costa Rica) and Mr. Alberto Groff (Switzerland), the Co-Chairs of the informal working group on the future, including programmes and resources, of UNIDO, I am pleased to invite Permanent Missions to a briefing by Ms. Monique Barbut, former Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), on

Tuesday, 25 September 2012, at 2:00 p.m., in Board Room A (M-building).

In her briefing, Ms. Barbut will provide an outlook on the post-Rio+20 development agenda and outline the challenges and opportunities for UNIDO. The subject of the briefing has been identified by the informal working group as one of the key themes on which external experts should be invited. Mr. Dmitri Piskounov, Managing Director, Programme Development and Technical Cooperation Division, will also participate in the meeting to present the UNIDO perspective and illustrate implications for UNIDO after Rio+20.

As mentioned by the Co-Chairs at the most recent meeting of the informal working group on 5 September, the subjects chosen for the briefings were developed based on requests made by Member States. In an effort to move forward in the work of the group and contribute to the elaboration of some recommendations or guidelines to UNIDO, it would be appreciated if Member States could convey any particular questions or issues they may wish Ms. Barbut to address during the briefing in advance to the Co-Chairs or the Secretariat.

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