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EXECUTIVE OFFICE
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Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

In response to your letter of 3 September 2014, on UN Climate Neutrality, we would like to express our deep gratitude for your continued support to the Climate Change agenda and to the role the United Nations system can play not only as a normative institution but also as a 'doer'.

As you rightly indicated in your letter, it is up to each individual entity to 'walk the talk' by developing in-house mechanisms that promote emission reductions and facilitate the path to climate neutrality.

UNFCCC and UNEP look forward to continue offering support to their peers with technical expertise, including within the existing system-wide networks where entities can share their challenges and positive experiences encountered in their efforts to implement the UN Climate Neutral Strategy.

Our next steps in this direction will include:

- (i) A follow up letter to all Chief Executives Board (CEB) members and other participating entities, reminding them of the main elements of the UN Climate Neutral Strategy, providing an organisation specific cost estimate for carbon offsets needed to reach climate neutrality;
- (ii) Development of a road map towards climate neutrality in cooperation with the Environment Management Group (EMG) and the CEB, including more accurate and extended monitoring of UN GHG emissions and support of emission reductions in facilities and;
- (iii) Peer reviews of the environmental management of UN entities including tracking GHG emissions and identifying opportunities for emission reductions;
- (iv) Providing advice on options to reach climate neutrality;
- (v) A joint in-house outreach and awareness effort building on the Greening the Blue campaign, to intensify the work of all UN entities on the path towards full climate neutrality.

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We stand ready to be on your side at the Climate Summit on 23 September, 2014, as you announce that the UN system will indeed lead by example, and become climate neutral by 2020.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Achim Steiner".

Achim Steiner
Executive Director, UNEP
Chair, Environment Management Group

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Christiana Figueres".

Christiana Figueres
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