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Letter: Call for a strong joint political statement on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by the European Union

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Dear [national Foreign Affairs Minister / Development Minister],

Six months ago, the world's governments adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the UN General Assembly. Plans to implement the Agenda in countries and regions around the world are now taking shape, and in July 2016, governments will gather again at the UN High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) to review progress, build political impetus and launch actions and partnerships for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

WWF calls on EU Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation to issue a strong joint political statement ahead of the UN HLPF in July 2016 at the Foreign Affairs Council in May. This political statement should re-commit the EU to an effective and comprehensive implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and call on the European Commission to provide clarity on how the 2030 Agenda will be taken forward at the regional level.

The EU should play a front-runner role in the run-up to this UN HLPF, inspiring others by developing **a clear vision for implementation by the EU, which reflects the comprehensive nature of the Agenda and demonstrates the commitment of the EU to implement the 2030 Agenda in all of its policy areas.**

The spirit of the 2030 Agenda is one of a 'whole-of-government' approach to sustainable development, requiring an overarching EU strategy to 2030 and the translation of the goals and targets into the EU domestic and external policies, while addressing the positive and negative impacts of EU policies on partner countries through policy coherence for sustainable development.

We count on your support and remain at your availability whether you would need any additional information from our side.

Yours sincerely,

[Director, WWF national office]