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Inger Andersen

Director General, International Union for Conservation of Nature

Inger Andersen was appointed Director General of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) in January 2015. Ms Andersen brings a passion for conservation and sustainable development with more than 30 years of experience in international development economics, environmental sustainability and policy-making, as well as in designing and implementing projects and generating on-the-ground impact.

Prior to joining IUCN, Ms Andersen held various leadership roles at the World Bank and United Nations. Most recently, she was Vice President of the Middle East and North Africa at the World Bank, and previous to that Vice President for Sustainable Development and Head of the CGIAR Fund Council. Throughout Ms Andersen's 15-year career at the World Bank, her managerial roles focused on water, environment, and sustainable development with special emphasis on Africa and the Middle East. Previous to the World Bank, Ms Andersen worked at the United Nations for 15 years, starting in the UN Sudano-Sahelian Office working on drought and desertification issues, and was then appointed UNDP's Water and Environment Coordinator for the Arab Region. Ms Andersen's educational background includes a BA from London Metropolitan University North and a MA degree from the School of Oriental and African Studies at the University of London with specialisation in development economics.

Yann Aguila

Partner, Bredin Prat; Professor of Public Law, Sciences Po and Paris Bar School; Chair of the Environmental Law Commission, Club des Juristes

Yann Aguila is Professor at Sciences Po Paris and partner in a Law Firm in Paris, head the firm's Public Law Practice. Prior to joining the bar, he was judge at the French Administrative Supreme Court, the Conseil d'État (1990/1995 – 2001/2011). He also acted as legal adviser to the President of the Republic of Senegal (1995-2001).

He chairs the Environment Commission of the French Think Tank Le Club des juristes, is the author of several reports on environmental law, including "Increasing the Effectiveness of International Environmental Law – Duties of States, rights of individuals" in 2015. He is the coordinator of the Group of Experts for the Pact (GEP), an international network of about 100 experts chaired by Laurent Fabius, president of the French Constitutional Council and former president of COP 21, which is at the heart of the initiative for a Global Pact for the Environment.

In 2014, he was awarded the 2014 Law Book Prize for his book "Droit public français et européen" (in French) (French and European public law) that he co-authored with Bernard Stirn (President of the Litigation Division of the Conseil d'État).

Jamil Ahmad

Director, *ad interim*, United Nations Environment Programme New York Office

Mr. Jamil Ahmad is Director, *ad interim*, of the United Nations Environment Programme (UN

Environment) New York Office. He is also Head of the Intergovernmental Affairs and leads work on sustainable development and the environment in support of the organization's policies and programme. As an advocate of sustainability, he works with external stakeholders on issues related to environment, climate change and sustainable development. Ahmad joined UN Environment in 2008 as the Secretary for the Governing Bodies based in Nairobi, Kenya (2008-14).

A senior career diplomat, Mr. Jamil Ahmad entered the Foreign Service of Pakistan in 1986 and has worked in several duty stations in Asia, Europe and Africa, with rich experience of bilateral and multilateral affairs. He participated in numerous important UN and other intergovernmental meetings, including the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) in 2002, sessions of the United Nations General Assembly, the Commission of Sustainable Development (CSD) and the Governing Councils of UNEP, UN-HABITAT and Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). He was lead negotiator of the Group of 77 & China for Climate Change under Pakistan's chairmanship in 2007 culminating at COP13 to UNFCCC in Bali in 2007. Mr. Jamil Ahmad holds a Master's Degree in Political Science.

François de Rugy

Ministre d'État, Minister for the Ecological and Inclusive Transition

François de Rugy was appointed Ministre d'État, Minister for the Ecological and Inclusive Transition within Édouard Philippe's government in September of 2018. Before his appointment, Minister de Rugy served as the president of the French National Assembly. He was initially elected to the National Assembly in 2007, where he served on National Defense and Finance committees. He has long been an environmental leader, and was a co-president of the Écologiste parliamentary group in the National Assembly. Minister de Rugy attended the IEP Paris (Institute of Political Studies) and graduated in 1995.

John W.H. Denton AO

Secretary General of the International Chamber of Commerce

John W.H. Denton AO is the Secretary General of the International Chamber of Commerce. John was previously a Partner and CEO of Corrs Chambers Westgarth, Australia's leading independent law firm. John is a Board member of IFM Global investors - one of the world's major infrastructure investors. John is a founding member of the B20, of the Australia - China CEO Roundtable and of Australia for UNHCR. John co-led the Australian Government's White Paper on Australia in the Asian Century and previously Chaired the APEC Finance and Economics Work Group. John is Chair of the Global Engagement Taskforce of the Business Council of Australia. He is a former diplomat and an Alumnus of Harvard Business School and the University of Melbourne. He is a Board member of the Australian Ballet and a founder of Human Rights Watch (Australia) and Teach for Australia. In 2015 John was appointed as an Officer of the Order of Australia for his services to the business community, the arts and the rights of refugees.

Miroslav Lajčák

President, 72nd Session of the UN General Assembly

H. E. Mr. Miroslav Lajčák of Slovakia served as the President of the 72nd session of the UN General Assembly, which spanned from September 2017 to September 2018. Mr. Lajčák also serves as the Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic. He has dedicated his professional life to diplomatic service, representing both the Slovak Republic and the international

community. He joined the foreign service in 1988 and has held various diplomatic positions since, including as Slovak Ambassador to Japan, Executive Assistant to the UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for the Balkans and later as the Slovak Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and to Albania. A key figure in the mediation of the post-conflict crises in the Western Balkans, Mr. Lajčák negotiated, organized and supervised the referendum on the independence of Montenegro in 2006 on behalf of the European Union. From 2007 to 2009, Mr. Lajčák served as High Representative of the International Community and European Union Special Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina. From 2009 to July 2010, Mr. Lajčák served his first term as Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic. From 2010 to 2012, Mr. Lajčák helped shape the newly formed diplomatic service of the European Union, the European External Action Service, as its Managing Director for Europe and Central Asia. From April 2012 to March 2016, Mr. Lajčák served as Foreign Minister and Deputy Prime Minister of his country. He was reappointed for his third and fourth term as the Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic in 2016 and 2018 respectively.

Mr. Lajčák is a graduate of the Moscow State Institute for International Relations and has a law degree from the Comenius University in Bratislava. He has received several state honors, including the Order of the Yugoslav Star, 1st Class, in 2005; the Order of Honor of the Republic of Moldova in 2014; and the Order of the Montenegrin Great Star in 2016.

Jeffrey D. Sachs

Director of the Center for Sustainable Development, Columbia University

Jeffrey D. Sachs is the Director of the Center for Sustainable Development, Quetelet Professor of Sustainable Development, and Professor of Health Policy and Management at Columbia University. He is Special Advisor to United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres on the Millennium Development Goals, having held the same position under former UN Secretaries-General Kofi Annan and Ban Ki-moon. He is Director of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network. He is co-founder and Chief Strategist of Millennium Promise Alliance, and is director of the Millennium Villages Project. He is also one of the Secretary-General's MDG Advocates, and a Commissioner of the ITU/UNESCO Broadband Commission for Development. He has authored several bestsellers including *The End of Poverty* (2005), *Common Wealth: Economics for a Crowded Planet* (2008), and *The Price of Civilization* (2011). His most recent books are *To Move the World: JFK's Quest for Peace* (2013), *The Age of Sustainable Development* (2015), and *Building the New American Economy* (2017).

Carlos Sallé

Director of Energy Policies and Climate Change, Iberdrola

Carlos Sallé is Vice-President of Energy Policies and Climate Change in the Electricity company Iberdrola. Iberdrola an integrated company, is one of the largest five companies in global market capitalization and is currently the biggest wind energy producer in the world, with one of the strongest climate change action plan. Carlos is Industrial Engineer from the ETSII (School of Industrial Engineering) in the Universidad Politécnica de Madrid. He worked in areas related to system operation in Red Eléctrica de España (the Spanish Transmission System Operator). He was Director of Electricity at the energy regulator in Spain. He was also a member of the management team in charge of launching and setting up the Market Operator Company, as Operations Manager. He worked in the consultancy firm NERA as Associate Manager for the Energy Area.

In 2001 he joined IBERDROLA Group as Regulation Vice-President, and in 2014 was appointed as Vice-President of Energy Policies and Climate Change directly reporting to the Chairman. Carlos is

Member of the Business Advisory Board in the Public-Private-Partnership unit at UNECE (Geneva) dealing with Sustainable Development Goals. He was one of the founders of Energía Sin Fronteras, an NGO specialized in water and electricity projects in rural areas of non-developed countries. He is President of the Energy Commission at Spanish Commerce Chamber.

Msgr. Marcelo Sánchez Sorondo

Chancellor, Pontifical Academy of Sciences and Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences

Marcelo Sánchez Sorondo was born in Buenos Aires and was ordained a priest in 1968. He was lecturer in the history of philosophy at the Lateran University in Rome where he became full professor. He was dean of the Faculty of Philosophy at the same university and full professor of the history of philosophy at the Libera Università Maria SS. Assunta, Rome. In 1998 he was appointed Chancellor of the Pontifical Academies of Sciences and Social Sciences by St John Paul II, who then consecrated him titular Bishop of Vescovio. Awards: Cavaliere di Gran Croce (Italy); official of honour of the Légion d'Honneur (France); Grão Mestre da Ordem de Rio Branco (Brazil), Official of the Republic of Austria, Knight of the Republic of Chile, Member of Accademia dei Gergofili, Member of the Accademia Italiana del Vino; Corresponding Member of the Academia de Ciencias de Cuba; Orden del Aguila Azteca (Mexico).