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Dear President,

I wish to thank you for your letter of 27 November 2017, inviting the Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme of UNESCO, for which I serve as Chair of the MAB International Co-ordinating Council, to submit a report to the 2018 United Nations High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) which will be held in New York from 9 to 18 July 2018.

In March 2016 in Lima, during the 4th World Congress of Biosphere Reserves, we have adopted the Lima Action Plan for 2016-2025, which links our activities and actions in the World Network of Biosphere Reserves (669 sites in 120 countries) to the SDG's and the implementation of the Agenda 2030. Please see <http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0024/002474/247418E.pdf>.

I have consulted the MAB Secretary a.i, Mr Clüsener-Godt, and we agreed to provide a comprehensive report by early April 2018.

The 2018 HLPF theme on "Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies" is very close to our mandate. I am glad to inform you that in addition to the comprehensive report, we will mobilize our biosphere reserves, communities, experts and Member States for us to be contributing and present in the 2018 events, including through our participation in the Youth Forum in January 2018, the Scientific, Technical and Innovation Forum on 5 and 6 June 2018 and to the HLPF in July 2018. With the support of the UNESCO Liaison Office in New York, we are planning to organize a series of briefing and side events. I will keep you informed of the details of our participation to the different forums and would be very happy to meet you in New York.

I remain available if you need more information.

I thank you for your cooperation and I wish you every success for the upcoming HLPF 2018 Forum.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair of the MAB International Co-ordinating Council

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