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Excellency,

Reference is made to document MINBUZA-2015.279327, containing the submission of the 2015 edition of the multilateral scorecards to the Tweede Kamer der Staten-Generaal. We have taken note of the content of this document and also carefully studied the UNIDO-related scorecard, which was attached to the same submission.

To our great concern, we detected considerable flaws in the assessment of our organization, and we would like to herewith rectify the errors in order to avoid any misinformation. In our view, the validity of the scorecards and related comparisons stands and falls with the correctness and unbiasedness of information contained therein, in order to allow a true, honest and comparative assessment of the organizations under review.

However, we have identified significant weaknesses in the information underlying the assessment of UNIDO in this important exercise, which was outdated, incomplete and often incorrect. As we fear that no adequate analysis is possible under such circumstances, and that the policy recommendations derived therefrom are also compromised, we deem it important to provide you with relevant clarifications and rectifications. It is in this spirit that I am pleased to attach a note that the UNIDO Secretariat has prepared in response to the Assessment of UNIDO.

In addition, we greatly regret that the Government of the Netherlands did not consult with UNIDO at any point during the conduct of this crucial review. I am certain that we could have clarified many of the misinterpretations and misunderstandings. We could also have provided correct financial as well as programmatic information to allow for an expedient analysis. I am certain that with such additional information the outcome of the analysis would have differed considerably from the current version. Please be assured that UNIDO stands ready to answer any questions the Tweede Kamer der Staten Generaal or the Government of the Netherlands may have in this context. Kindly address any queries you may have in this connection to Mr. Sarwar Hobohm, Director of Strategic Planning (s.hobohm@unido.org).

In conclusion, I would like to emphasize the importance we attach to the membership of the Netherlands in UNIDO, and the partnership we enjoy with many of your institutions at all levels, including many of our industry and academic partners. In this spirit please accept, Honourable Chairman, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Taizo Nishikawa". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Taizo Nishikawa,
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