

Ref: Accreditation File No. 657/2021

4 May 2021

Dear Mahesh Pandya,

This letter refers to your communication addressed to the Governance Affairs Office, requesting accreditation of **Paryavaran Mitra** to the Governing Body of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

Following careful assessment and consideration of the documents and information provided by you, I am pleased to inform you that **Paryavaran Mitra** has been granted Accreditation as an observer to the governing body of UN Environment Programme which was renamed as the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme by the General Assembly Resolution 67/251 of 13 March 2013. Your organization will forthwith receive invitations as an observer to all public meetings and sessions of the United Nations Environment Assembly and its subsidiary organs.

Please note that as an accredited organization, you are required to file a report of your activities to UN Environment Programme every four years from the date of accreditation. This report known as quadrennial report is to be submitted to the Secretariat of Governing Bodies.

An excerpt of rule 70 of the Rules of Procedure of the United Nations Environment Assembly of UN Environment is attached for your information and compliance. Please also see UN Environment Programme's Stakeholder Engagement Handbook that can be found at <http://www.unep.org/resources/publication/stakeholder-engagement-handbook>

Kindly note that accreditation is solely for the purpose of engagement with the work of the UNEP Governing Bodies as well as its subsidiary bodies, within the applicable rules and the regulations and rules of UNEP. UNEP accreditation does not indicate that the activities of your organization are formally supported or in any way endorsed by UNEP or the United Nations. Please do not use the name and emblem of UNEP or of the United Nations, or any abbreviation thereof in connection with your organization or otherwise without the written permission of UNEP.

Yours sincerely,



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## THE RULES OF PROCEDURE

### XIII. OBSERVERS OF INTERNATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

#### Rule 70

1. International non-governmental organizations having an interest in the field of the environment referred to in section IV, paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII), may designate representatives to sit as observers at public meetings of the United Nations Environment Assembly and its subsidiary organs, if any. The United Nations Environment Assembly shall from time to time adopt and revise when necessary a list of such organizations. Upon the invitation of the President or Chairperson, as the case may be, and subject to the approval of the United Nations Environment Assembly or of the subsidiary organ concerned, international non-governmental organizations may make oral statements on matters within the scope of their activities.
2. Written statements provided by international non-governmental organizations referred to in paragraph 1 above, related to items on agenda of the United Nations Environment Assembly or of its subsidiary organs shall be circulated by the secretariat to members of the United Nations Environment Assembly or of the subsidiary organ concerned in the quantities and in the languages in which statements were made available to the secretariat for distribution.