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Dear Mr. Holmes,

Thank you for your kind memo. Congratulations on the anniversary of our 15 year partnership through the Joint UNEP/OCHA Environment Unit. On 1 July 1994, the commitment of both OCHA and UNEP, to address the challenges posed by environmental emergencies, resulted in the establishment of the Joint UNEP/OCHA Environment Unit.

It is an anniversary that also marks a successful partnership each making efficient use of its complementary strengths and, as such, wish to thank you for hosting the Unit and putting OCHA's response coordination tools and services at the disposal of affected countries facing environmental emergencies.

I hope you will agree that our partnership through the Joint Environment Unit must be supported and further bolstered in the years ahead to meet the complex humanitarian and environmental challenges.

I look forward to our continued cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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