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**Letter of commendation for Chris Mahon's candidacy as IUCN Council-
lor for the West Europe region**

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs, as the IUCN state member for the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, I am pleased to commend Chris Mahon for the position of IUCN Councillor for the West Europe region.

Throughout a distinguished 30-year career, including in his current role as Chief Executive of the IUCN National Committee for the UK, Chris has acquired an impressive breadth of relevant experience – spanning public, private and voluntary sectors, and from local to international in scale.

Chris also brings a strong commitment to IUCN, and the organisation's important role in the global conservation landscape. He has worked with IUCN member committees for the past 17 years, consistently contributing to a range of initiatives, and participating proactively in multiple IUCN Congresses and Regional Conservation Fora.

In short, Chris' experience, abilities, and commitment to nature and conservation make him ideally suited for election as an IUCN Councillor for the West Europe region.

I hope you will join me in supporting Chris Mahon's candidacy, including in the voting at World Conservation Congress in October.

Yours sincerely,

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