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Paris, 17 September 2025,

Letter of support for Maud Lelièvre's candidacy for the position of Elected Regional Councillor for the Western Europe region of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

Dear Sir or Madam,

It is with great conviction that the French Government has decided to support the candidacy of Ms Maud Lelièvre for re-election as Councillor for the Western Europe region on the Council of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

With a remarkable professional career spanning more than 25 years in environmental issues, Maud Lelièvre is an internationally recognised expert in the field of sustainability and conservation. Having worked in the French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of the Environment, she has a deep understanding of the role of public actors in international negotiations.

Maud Lelièvre has demonstrated a strong commitment to the values and mission of the IUCN, as well as an understanding of the organisation's key role in the global conservation landscape. Her work as chair of the French Committee of the UICN, a position she will continue to hold in 2024, demonstrates her ability to bring together stakeholders and promote an ambitious strategic vision, from the local level to the international stage.

Since her election, she has demonstrated dedication and commitment, attending all IUCN Council meetings and actively contributing to the work of various bodies, including the *Policy and Climate Justice* Task Force, *Nature Education for Sustainability* Task Force, Private Sector, Statutes, Rules and Regulations to Improve the Motions Process, Task Force on *Membership Value Proposition*, and *Human Wildlife Conflict and Coexistence*.

Her mastery of institutional mechanisms, particularly as Vice-Chair of the *Governance and Constituency Committee* (GCC) and the *Motion Working Group* (MWG), is a major asset for the effectiveness and relevance of our Union's work.

As an Advisor, Maud Lelièvre has represented the IUCN Council at numerous events in Europe, such as the Regional Conservation Forum in Bruges, as well as international events such as the 11th and 12th World Urban Forums and the 15th and 16th Conferences of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

Ms Maud Lelièvre's competence, vision and dedication are a guarantee of her commitment to the IUCN and the implementation of its 20-year programme. That is why she has my full confidence to continue the mandate entrusted to her by the members.

By supporting her candidacy at the next IUCN World Conservation Congress, you will be choosing an experienced and respected advisor who is deeply committed to the values and mission of our Union.

Yours sincerely,



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Europe and Foreign Affairs