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## AD HOC MULTIDISCIPLINARY GROUP ON THE ENVIRONMENT (GME)

Request of observer status at the GME  
by the Global Network for Human Rights and the Environment (GNHRE)

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To Whom It May Concern

I am writing on behalf of the Global Network for Human Rights and the Environment (GNHRE) to formally request Observer status with the Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Multidisciplinary Group on Environment (GME). GNHRE is an international network dedicated to advancing the intersection of human rights and environmental law, with a particular focus on the recognition of the right to a healthy environment (R2HE).

### **GNHRE's Experience and Work Related to the Council of Europe**

GNHRE has a longstanding commitment to promoting environmental protection as a fundamental human right. Our network consists of a diverse group of experts, including academics, legal practitioners, and environmental advocates, who have collectively worked to elevate the importance of environmental rights within various international and regional frameworks, including the Council of Europe.

One of our primary advocacy efforts has been the recognition and formalization of the Right to a Healthy Environment (R2HE) within the Council of Europe's human rights framework. We have actively engaged in consultations, provided expert opinions, and contributed to policy discussions aimed at embedding R2HE into the Council of Europe's agenda. Our work has also included hosting webinars, publishing research, and collaborating with other organizations to raise awareness and support for R2HE.

Given our extensive experience and ongoing efforts, we believe that GNHRE's Observer status with the GME would significantly contribute to the group's work, particularly in integrating human rights perspectives into environmental policymaking.

Thank you for considering our application. We look forward to the possibility of contributing to the important work of the GME.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Annalisa Savaresi".

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