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Your Excellency,

As the world increasingly joins forces to address challenges of global sustainability, we are highly encouraged by the UAE's continued efforts to forge ahead as an international leader in sustainable and humanitarian development. This is indeed more critical today, as communities navigate the adverse socio-economic effects of the global pandemic and its impact on livelihoods.

In September of this year, the Zayed Sustainability Prize took the prudent decision to postpone the 2021 Awards Ceremony in efforts to safeguard the health and wellbeing of our international applicants who would normally convene at the Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week. However, we are pleased to inform you that the launch of the submissions phase for the 2022 awards cycle has begun and will run until **6<sup>th</sup> May 2021**.

Building on our 12-year legacy of awarding and recognising excellence in sustainability, our 86 winners' solutions have improved the lives of 335 million people, to date. Our accomplishments and reach have been a direct result of the excellent relationships we have held with the UAE's diplomatic missions worldwide, and their support continues to be valued and critical to our success.

Having said this, we would like to call upon your support once again during this submissions phase by encouraging entries and engaging organisations (small and medium enterprises, non-profits) and high schools, in the country of your posting, across the categories of **Health, Food, Energy, Water and Global High Schools**, and inviting them to participate in the Zayed Sustainability Prize.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the assistance that you have provided in previous years and we look forward to your continued support.

Accompanying this letter is a 'Stakeholder Pack' containing additional information on the Prize, however, if you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact Reem Bani Tameem – Executive, Stakeholder Relations, at: <u>rbanitameem@masdar.ae</u> or <u>info@zayedsustainabilityprize.com</u>

Yours Sincerely,

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