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FAO: ENEP President  
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Dear Kristof

### **Membership of the European Network of Environmental Professionals (“ENEP”), 2018**

We write to advise you that the management board (the “Cabinet”) of the Society for the Environment (“SocEnv”) has reviewed its relationship with, and ongoing membership of, ENEP. This review has been based on ENEP as it is experienced “today”, and broadly how it has been experienced over the last 6-12 months or so.

In its review the Cabinet also took into account the fact that another member of ENEP (VDI, Germany, a significantly large ENEP member) had already resigned its 2018 ENEP membership.

It is with regret and with a heavy heart that SocEnv has concluded that (whilst this has not always been the past experience), it is now not clear that ENEP membership is today bringing any material benefits to SocEnv as an organisation, or to any significant number of the c. 7,500 individual CEnvs on our Register, or to our 24 professional body Corporate Members (“Constituent Bodies”).

Further, whilst SocEnv would wish to be a member of a successful ENEP and which membership delivered strategic benefits with a reasonable return on investment, SocEnv has also concluded that with the departure of VDI as a significant ENEP member at the end of this year (2017), ENEP is not now likely to be able to provide that value moving forward into 2018. The SocEnv Cabinet also had concerns around ENEP’s apparent financial position and stability, governance and organisational leadership in the face of the need for a new President.

It is for the foregoing reasons that SocEnv hereby gives notice to ENEP that it will not be seeking to renew its membership on expiry of the current period (for which full payment has already been made).

As required by the ENEP statutes we therefore give our resignation ahead of the required three-months deadline, and our resignation will, therefore, take effect from the end of this membership year (which for the avoidance of doubt, is 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017).

We are conscious that this decision may - wrongly - be linked by some to “Brexit”. We want to make it absolutely clear that this is not the case; whilst the timing is unfortunate, it is for the reasons above that SocEnv is giving notice. However, we would like to reiterate that SocEnv would wish to be a member of a successful ENEP-type body, and we would appreciate the delivery of valuable and strategic services to our stakeholders, including but not limited to updates from and access to Brussels, and continued dialogue and added-value working together in partnership with our European colleagues in the environmental industries.

Therefore, we would be prepared to reconsider our position if ENEP could satisfy SocEnv's concerns; for this purpose we do offer to come to meet with ENEP and fellow members to discuss possible options for the future during October, November or December 2017.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



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CEO



Professor William Pope  
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cc ENEP members