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## Temporary Closure of the Facilities of the Global Environment Outreach Centre (GEOC)

To support measures to limit the spread of COVID-19, the United Nations University (UNU) headquarters building in Shibuya, Tokyo, is closed for the period 9 April 2020 – 6 May 2020. During this period access to the building is limited to critical staff only, and no visitors will be permitted to enter any facilities in the building. This arrangement may be extended further.

Ensuring the safety of visitors to GEOC is our highest priority, and considering the measures implemented by UNU, ***all GEOC facilities located in the UNU headquarters building will remain closed until 30 June 2020.*** This decision has been taken after careful assessment of the situation by the Environmental Partnership Office, Ministry of the Environment Japan and the GEOC project team, UNU Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS).

We sincerely apologise for any inconvenience caused by the closure of GEOC facilities, especially to those who were planning to use them during the period. For further information and updates on the availability of the facilities after July 2020, please continue to monitor the information on the GEOC website (<http://www.geoc.jp/english/>).

Thank you very much for your understanding and kind cooperation on these important measures in response to COVID-19. We greatly appreciate your support for GEOC and our activities aiming at fostering partnerships among various stakeholders to advance sustainable development, and look forward to welcoming you again to GEOC once the facilities are reopened.

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