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The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) is mandated to lead the United Nations system in the development and implementation of environmental rule of law, as per UNEP’s 2013 Governing Council Decision 27/9 which requested the Executive Director of UNEP to “promote quality information and data exchange among the legal and auditing communities and improve education, capacity-building and technical assistance, including with the aim of strengthening effective national environmental governance systems and improving the effectiveness of rule of law systems.” In 2019, this mandate was reinforced

environmental rule of law, and recommendations for future directions. The Report will help establish benchmarks and opportunities for future action and collaboration. It will also examine the role of environmental laws and institutions in combating zoonotic diseases such as the current global coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) and how countries can 'build forward better'. COVID-19 will be considered in each relevant chapter of the Report.

consultation and internal/external review processes, translation, and communications support. A more detailed timetable will be shared with chapter authors and data collectors in due course.

