

Briefing of the  
Committee of Permanent Representatives  
Tuesday 16 January 2018  
Conference Room 4  
United Nations Office in Nairobi, Gigiri  
9:30a.m. – 12:30p.m.

**Draft Resolution on the Global Pact for the Environment**

The French delegation has submitted the attached draft resolution on the Global Pact for the Environment, in support of the Secretariat briefing of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to be held on Tuesday 16 January, 2018.

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# Draft Resolution on the Global Pact for the Environment

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Seventy-second session

## Agenda item 14 (Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields)

### Development of a Global Pact for the Environment to strengthen the implementation of international environmental law

The General Assembly,

*Recalling* the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations,

*Recalling* the Declaration of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, adopted at Stockholm on 16 June 1972, the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, the Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Johannesburg Plan of Implementation), and the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development entitled “The future we want”,

*Reaffirming* its resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, in which it adopted a comprehensive, far-reaching and people-centered set of universal and transformative Sustainable Development Goals and targets, its commitment to working tirelessly for the full implementation of the Agenda by 2030, and its recognition that eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development, its commitment to achieving sustainable development in its three dimensions — economic, social and environmental — in a balanced and integrated manner, and to building upon the achievements of the Millennium Development Goals and seeking to address their unfinished business,

*Taking note* of the Summit of a Global Pact for the Environment, held in New York, on 19 September 2017,

*Stressing* the need to urgently address, in a comprehensive manner, the challenges posed by environmental degradation,

*Recognizing* existing commitments under international environmental law,

1. *Decides* to develop an international instrument, called a Global Pact for the Environment, that will aim to complement and improve the coherence of international environmental law and to facilitate the implementation of existing obligations under international environmental law, and to this end:

- a) *Decides* to establish, prior to holding an intergovernmental conference, an open-ended intergovernmental working group to negotiate a Global Pact for the Environment;
- b) *Decides* that the open-ended intergovernmental working group shall meet in New York, from 2018 until preferably 2020;
- c) *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to appoint two co-facilitators to lead the intergovernmental consultations and negotiations of the working group on issues related to the Global Pact for the Environment, in regular coordination and consultation with all Member States, regional groups, and all relevant stakeholders, and underlines that the consultations and negotiations must be open, transparent and inclusive ;

- d) *Decides* that the first meeting of the open-ended intergovernmental working group will examine matters related to the organization of work among members of the group;
- e) *Requests* the Secretary General to arrange for support to be provided by the United Nations Environment Programme, including all necessary assistance for the performance of its work, secretariat services and the provision of essential background information and relevant documents;
- f) *Also requests* the United Nations Environment Programme to provide the necessary assistance for multistakeholders consultations in order to collect input on the main elements of a Global Pact for the Environment.

2. *Recommends* that the open-ended intergovernmental working group concludes its work no later than 2020.