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Item 1

Opening of the session

1. The fourth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme will be opened at 10 a.m. on Monday, 11 March 2019, by Mr. Siim Valmar Kiisler, President of the United Nations Environment Assembly, elected at its third session, held in Nairobi from 4 to 6 December 2017.

Item 2

Organization of work

(a) Adoption of the agenda

2. The President will draw the attention of the United Nations Environment Assembly to the provisional agenda (UNEP/EA.4/1) and propose its adoption.

(b) Organization of work

3. In accordance with rule 13 of the rules of procedure, the President shall then invite the United Nations Environment Assembly to allocate items among its plenary meetings and the meetings of any sessional committees, including a Committee of the Whole, and working parties that may be set up in accordance with rule 61.
4. In the establishment of those committees and working parties, the United Nations Environment Assembly will take into account the proposed organization of work as outlined in the note of the Executive Director on the organization of the fourth session of the Assembly (UNEP/EA.4/INF/1). It will also take into account the compilation of draft resolutions prepared by the Committee of Permanent Representatives to the Environment Programme for consideration and adoption by the Assembly.

* UNEP/EA.4/1.

Item 3**Credentials of representatives**

5. In accordance with rule 17 of the rules of procedure, the Bureau of the United Nations Environment Assembly will report to the Assembly at its first plenary meeting on the credentials of representatives in attendance.

Item 4**Report of the Committee of Permanent Representatives**

6. The United Nations Environment Assembly is expected to consider at its first plenary meeting the report of the Committee of Permanent Representatives. The Chair of the Committee will present the report, which will include draft resolutions prepared by the fourth open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives. The Assembly is then expected to consider and adopt draft resolutions as recommended by the Committee of Permanent Representatives and refer outstanding items to the Committee of the Whole.

Item 5**International environmental policy and governance issues**

7. Under this item, the United Nations Environment Assembly will consider items and proposals pertaining to the theme of the fourth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly, “Innovative solutions for environmental challenges and sustainable consumption and production”. Other supplementary issues may also be discussed under this agenda item at the request of any authority entitled to propose items under paragraph 1 of rule 9 of the rules of procedure

Item 6**Programme of work and budget, and other administrative and budgetary issues**

8. Under this item, the United Nations Environment Assembly is expected to focus on the conclusions reached at the fourth open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives with regard to the adoption of a new Programme of Work and Budget for the United Nations Environment Programme and the implementation of resolutions adopted by the Assembly at its previous sessions. The Assembly may wish to allocate this item to the Committee of the Whole.

9. The United Nations Environment Assembly may also wish to consider other relevant administrative and budgetary issues.

Item 7**Stakeholder engagement**

10. Under this item, the United Nations Environment Assembly will consider the contributions from stakeholders to the Assembly, including at regional level.

Item 8**Contributions to the meetings of the high-level political forum on sustainable development**

11. In accordance with United Nations Environment Assembly resolution, “Contributions of the United Nations Environment Assembly to the high-level political forum on sustainable development” (UNEP/EA.3/Res.3), the United Nations Environment Assembly is expected to consider its contributions to the forthcoming meeting of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, to be organized under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council at the level of ministers with the theme “Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality” from 9 to 18 July 2019. The meeting of the forum will be followed by a “Sustainable Development Goals Summit”, which convenes every four years under the auspices of the General Assembly at the level of Heads of State and Government, from 24 to 25 September 2019.

Item 9**High-level segment**

12. The high-level segment will convene on 14 and 15 March 2019 and will address the overarching theme “Innovative solutions for environmental challenges and sustainable consumption

and production". The segment is expected to consist of an opening plenary with statements by key dignitaries; national statements; three leadership dialogues; a multi-stakeholder dialogue; a wrap-up plenary session; and a closing plenary session. Discussions will be supported by the Background report of the Executive Director on the theme of the fourth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly, "Innovative solutions for environmental challenges and sustainable consumption and production" (UNEP/EA.4/INF/3). Further information on the modalities of this segment will be available in the note of the Executive Director on the organization of the fourth session of the Assembly (UNEP/EA.4/INF/1).

Item 10

Provisional agenda and date of the fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly

13. The United Nations Environment Assembly may wish to consider and agree on the date and provisional agenda of its fifth session, to be held during the last week of February at every odd year, in accordance with UN Environment Assembly Decision 3/2 "Provisional agenda, date and venue of the fourth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly", and as set out in document UNEP/EA.4/INF/7.

Item 11

Adoption of the outcomes of the session

14. During the concluding plenary of the United Nations Environment Assembly in the afternoon of Friday, 15 March 2019, the President is expected to invite the chairs of the sessional committees and working parties to report on the outcomes of their respective work, including on the agreements reached on draft resolutions and the outcome document of the high-level segment. The Assembly may wish to consider and adopt those outcomes.

Item 12

Election of officers

15. At its final plenary meeting and in accordance with rule 18 of the rules of procedure, the United Nations Environment Assembly will elect a president, eight vice-presidents and a rapporteur from among its members. The President is expected to be nominated from among the Western European and other States and the Rapporteur from among the African States. The eight Vice-Presidents will include two nominated officers drawn from the Asia-Pacific States, one from the African States, one from the Western European and other States, two from the Latin American and Caribbean States and two from the Eastern European States. It is expected that the election will be conducted by acclamation, based on the list of nominees received from each region by the President of the Assembly prior to the last meeting of the fourth session.

Item 13

Other matters

16. The United Nations Environment Assembly may wish to consider any other matters related to its work.

Item 14

Adoption of the report

17. The United Nations Environment Assembly may wish to consider and adopt the proceedings of the first four days of the fourth session with the understanding that the proceedings of the last day will be reflected in the final report to be cleared by the Rapporteur of the Assembly after its conclusion.

Item 15

Closure of the session

18. The fourth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly is expected to conclude its work by 6 p.m. on Friday, 15 March 2019.
