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Conference Room 1

**Agenda Item 7e): Follow-up of the fourth session of the UN Environment Assembly -
Implementation of resolution UNEP/EA.4/Res.23**

The annexed note, entitled “Proposed composition of a Steering Committee for the Global Environment Outlook” is developed to provide an update on the nomination of members for a Steering Committee tasked to oversee and manage the development of an options paper and initiate consultations on the future of the Global Environment Outlook process, in accordance with the provisions in UNEA resolution UNEP/EA.4/Res.23 (L.27).

The Committee of Permanent Representatives is invited to review and approve the proposed composition of the Steering Committee.

Proposed composition of a Steering Committee for the Global Environment Outlook

1. Overview and context

Following the adoption at UNEA 4 of resolution UNEP/EA.4/RES.23 (L.27), entitled “Keeping the world environment under review: enhancing the United Nations Environment Programme science-policy interface and endorsement of the Global Environment Outlook”, the Secretariat developed an online portal for member State nominations of experts to the Steering Committee which will oversee and manage the development of an options paper and initiate consultations on the future of the Global Environment Outlook process. On 15 April 2019 a call for nominations was sent to all member States from the Secretariat, requesting an official nomination letter and professional curriculum vitae (CV), by 30 May 2019. The deadline was set in accordance with the resolution.

As per the process outlined in resolution 23, the Committee of Permanent Representatives is requested to approve the membership of the Steering Committee prior to development of the options paper and the initiation of consultations on the future of the Global Environment Outlook process.

In support of the decision by the Committee, the Secretariat has prepared a proposed list of members for the Steering Committee (set out in section 3 of this note), taking account the following criteria as specified in resolution 23:

- Significant documented professional experience with international environmental affairs and/or international sustainable development;
- Comprehensive understanding of environmental assessment processes and their role in informing policy makers;
- Extensive expertise with the international policy agenda and assessment work;
- Previous experience with high-level intergovernmental processes in relation to environmental policy and sustainable development;
- Geographic and gender balance, and full representation from both developing and developed country experts.

2. Nomination process

A total of 39 nominations were received by the Secretariat by the deadline 30 May 2019. Of these nominations, 3 were received from the Latin America Group, 2 from the Eastern European Group, 13 nominations from the Africa Group, 13 from the Asia-Pacific Group and 8 from the Western European and Other Groups. 10 nominees were female and 32 nominees were male.

The Secretariat has evaluated the CVs received for all nominees on the basis of the criteria listed above to identify the most qualified nominees as members of the Steering Committee. It also sought to find a balanced mix of experts with significant experience from previous Global Environment Outlook processes, and experts who are new to the GEO process and may bring new ideas and thoughts to the options document and consultations.

In cases where member States and specialized agencies nominated more than one candidate, only one of the candidates was considered, again taking into account geographic and gender balance of the Steering Committee.

3. Proposed membership of the Steering Committee

Resolution UNEP/EA.4/RES.23 requests the Committee of Permanent Representatives to approve the proposed membership of the Steering Committee. In order to advance the development of the options paper and the consultations as quickly as possible, the Secretariat proposes that the approval takes place at the 146th CPR meeting on 20 June 2019.

The table below presents the Secretariat's proposed membership based on the criteria specified in resolution UNEP/EA.4/RES.23.

It should also be noted that several nominations were received by the Secretariat after the deadline of 30 May. The resolution specifies that the Secretariat may accept such late nominations, at the discretion of the Steering Committee. The Secretariat therefore proposes that the Steering Committee considers this matter at its first meeting, which is likely to take place in July by video conference.

The Secretariat proposes the following membership for the Steering Committee:

First name	Last name	Email Address	Country	UN Region	Gender
Charles	Lange	clange@nema.go.ke	Kenya	African Group	Male
Jerome	Sebadduka Lugumira	jerome.lugumira@nema.go.ug	Uganda	African Group	Male
Ouedraogo	Desire	desireouedraogo@yahoo.fr	Burkina Faso	African Group	Male
Noasilalaonomenjanahary	Ambinintsoa Lucie	noasilalao@mef.gov.mg	Madagascar	African Group	Female
Thembele Osmond	Ngculu	ngculut@dirco.gov.za	South Africa	African Group	Male
Isaac	Dladla	gdladla@sea.org.sz	Swaziland	African Group	Male
Apsara	Mendis	apsaramendis@yahoo.com	Sri Lanka	Asia-Pacific Group	Female
Kazuhiko	Takeuchi	k-takeuchi@iges.or.jp	Japan	Asia-Pacific Group	Male
Najib	Saab	nsaab@afedonline.org	Lebanon	Asia-Pacific Group	Male
James	Mathew	james.mathew62@gov.in	India	Asia-Pacific Group	Male
Suzan	Alajjawi	salajjawi@sce.gov.bh	Bahrain	Asia-Pacific Group	Female
Narges	Saffar	parsnarsis@gmail.com	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Asia-Pacific Group	Female
Chatchai	Intatha	chintatha@gmail.com	Thailand	Asia-Pacific Group	Male
Marek	Haliniak	marek.haliniak@mos.gov.pl	Poland	Eastern European Group	Male
Nino	Gokheshvili	n.gokheshvili@gmail.com	Georgia	Eastern European Group	Female
Teshia	Jn Baptiste	teshijnbaptiste@gmail.com	Saint Lucia	Group of Latin American and Caribbean States	Female
Marcos	Serrano	mserrano@mma.gob.cl	Chile	Group of Latin American and Caribbean States	Male
Toral	Patel-Weynand	tpatelweynand@fs.fed.us	USA	Western Group and Others	Female
Andrew	Stott	andrew.stott@defra.gov.uk	United Kingdom and Northern Ireland	Western Group and Others	Male
Ivar Andreas	Baste	ivar.baste@miljodir.no	Norway	Western Group and Others	Male
Sebastian	Jan Konig	Sebastian.Koenig@bafu.admin.ch	Switzerland	Western Group and Others	Male
Jock	Martin	jock.martin@eea.europa.eu	Europe	Western Group and Others	Male
Salla	Rantala	Salla.Rantala@ymparisto.fi	Finland	Western Group and Others	Female
Marcel	Kok	marcel.kok@pbl.nl	Netherlands	Western Group and Others	Male

The Committee of Permanent Representatives is invited to approve the above list of proposed members of the Steering Committee at its 146th meeting on 20 June 2019.