



## **United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme**

### **Annual subcommittee meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Environment Programme**

#### **Seventh meeting**

Nairobi, 12-16 October 2020

Online meeting

1.00 pm – 6.00 pm (GMT+3)

### **Agenda Item 5(iii): Preparations for UNEA-5, including a possible scoping exercise and/or timetable for the tabling of resolutions**

Following the consideration of the timing and format of UNEA-5 in view of COVID-19 by the [UNEA Bureau](#) at its meeting on 8 October, the UNEA Bureau decided to support the [proposal by the UNEA President](#) to adopt a “two-step” approach that will allow for the convening UNEA-5 in February 2021 at the dates previously agreed in a virtual format with a revised and streamlined agenda.

The UNEA Bureau also requested the Secretariat to propose a structure for the first part of UNEA-5 in February 2021 for consideration at the 7<sup>th</sup> annual subcommittee and thereafter, on the basis of feedback from Member States, to the next meeting of the Joint Bureaux of UNEA and of the CPR, scheduled for 1 December 2020.

To this end the Secretariat has developed a preliminary structure for UNEA which contemplates an early adjournment of the session and indicates the main elements and items to be considered. In addition, the Secretariat has included the provisional agenda for the Assembly which indicates the items that are recommended to be addressed at the resumed substantive session in February 2022.

Finally, in light of feedback from Member States the Secretariat recommends that the commemoration of the creation of the United Nations Environment Programme in 1972 be inscribed as a supplementary item in accordance with rule 11 of the Rules of Procedure to be considered at the resumed substantive session

Member States are invited to consider the attached draft revised provisional agenda and structure for UNEA-5 and provide feedback and guidance to the Secretariat in view of preparing for further consideration of this matter at the next meeting of the Joint Bureaux of UNEA and of the CPR, scheduled for 1 December 2020.

## DRAFT STREAMLINED STRUCTURE OF THE 2021 ENVIRONMENT ASSEMBLY (12 October 2020)

	Monday 22 February 2021	Tuesday 24 February 2021	Wednesday 25 February 2021	Thursday 26 February 2021	Friday 27 February 2021
8:00 – 11:00	Regional Groups & Bureau Meetings	Regional Groups & Bureau Meetings	Regional Groups & Bureau Meetings		
11:00 - 13:00	<b>Opening Plenary</b> - Functional opening [President and Executive Director] - Adoption of the agenda and organization of work -Statements from Regional and Political Groups - Credentials of representatives -Report by the Committee of PR's on recommended decisions <b>ACEFRS</b>	<b>Leadership Dialogue I</b> <b>ACEFRS</b>			
13:00 -14:00	<b>BREAK</b>				
14:00 - 16:00	<b>High Level Opening</b> <b>ACEFRS</b>	<b>Leadership Dialogue II</b> <b>ACEFRS</b>	<b>Wrap-up Plenary Session</b> - Summary of Leadership Dialogue - Adoption of procedural decisions including MTS and POW -Possible ministerial political messages/outcome  - <i>Early adjournment of the Session.</i> <b>ACEFRS</b>		
16:00 – 17:00	<b>BREAK</b>				
17:00 – 19:00	<b>Informal Dialogue with Stakeholders</b> <b>ACEFRS</b>				

\* National Statements will be pre-recorded and made available on the website of the 5<sup>th</sup> session of the UN Environment Assembly at the following link: xxxx and included in proceedings. In accordance with Rule 38, the Secretariat will recommend to the Assembly to limit time for statements to 4 minutes. \*\* The themes of the Leadership Dialogues will address the theme of the Assembly and will have a professional moderator to enhance interaction. The Secretariat proposes 2 Leadership Dialogues and Informal Dialogue with Stakeholders. **ACEFRS** – Refers to official languages of the United Nations. Kindly note that all times indicated in GMT+3.



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Fifth session**

**Provisional agenda as adopted by UNEA-4 in its decision 2<sup>1</sup>**

1. Opening of the session.
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Credentials of representatives.
4. Report of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.
5. International environmental policy and governance issues.
6. Programme of work and budget, and other administrative and budgetary issues.
7. Stakeholder engagement.
8. Contributions to the meetings of the high-level political forum on sustainable development and implementation of the environmental dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
9. High-level segment.
10. Provisional agenda and date of the sixth session of the Environment Assembly.
11. Adoption of the resolutions, decisions and outcome document of the session.
12. Election of officers.
13. Other matters.
14. Adoption of the report.
15. Closure of the session.

<sup>1</sup> The proposed distribution of items for the first virtual component of UNEA and its resumed substantive session are reflected in the following page.

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## Proposed distribution of agenda items

<b>Agenda items to be considered during the first virtual streamlined segment in February 2021</b>
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Opening of the session.</li><li>• Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.</li><li>• Credentials of representatives.</li><li>• Report of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.**</li><li>• Programme of work and budget, and other administrative and budgetary issues including Programme of Work and Budget for 2022-2023 and Medium-Term Strategy for the Period 2022-2025.</li></ul> |
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<b>Agenda items to be considered at resumed substantive session of the fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly in February 2022</b>
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• International environmental policy and governance issues.</li><li>• Stakeholder engagement.</li><li>• Contributions to the meetings of the high-level political forum on sustainable development and implementation of the environmental dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.</li><li>• High-level segment.*</li><li>• Provisional agenda and date of the sixth session of the Environment Assembly.</li><li>• Adoption of the resolutions, decisions and outcome document of the session.*</li><li>• Election of officers.</li><li>• Other matters.</li><li>• Adoption of the report.</li><li>• Closure of the session.</li></ul> |
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<b>Supplementary item recommended in accordance with rule 11 of the Rules of Procedure to be considered at the resumed substantive session in February 2022.</b>
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Commemoration of the creation of the United Nations Environment Programme by the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment held in Stockholm from 5 to 16 June 1972.</li></ul> |
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<b>Important considerations:</b>
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<p>* These items will be formally closed during the resumed substantive session but will be initially considered during the first segment of UNEA-5.</p>
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<p>** The report of CPR will remain open in light of the work required to prepare the substantive segment.</p>
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