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Fifth session**

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Item 2 of the provisional agenda**

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Annotated provisional agenda

Item 1

Opening of the session

1. The fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) will be opened at 11 a.m. Nairobi time (UTC + 3) on Monday, 22 February 2021 by Mr. Sveinung Rotevatn, President of the Environment Assembly.

Item 2

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

(a) Adoption of the agenda

2. The President will draw the attention of the Environment Assembly to the provisional agenda (UNEP/EA.5/1/Rev.1) and propose its adoption.

(b) Organization of work

3. Taking into account the exceptional circumstances associated with the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, the fifth session of the Environment Assembly will convene online on 22 and 23 February 2021 to allow for the initial consideration of items 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8 and 12 of the provisional agenda. The session is expected to be adjourned thereafter, resuming at an in-person meeting expected to be held from 28 February to 2 March 2022 to conclude the consideration of the remaining items on the agenda.
4. In accordance with rule 13 of the rules of procedure, the President will invite the Environment Assembly to allocate items among its plenary meetings and the meetings of any sessional committees that may be established in accordance with rule 61 of the rules of procedure.
5. The Environment Assembly will take into account the proposed organization of work as outlined in the scenario note for the online meeting of the fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP/EA.5/INF/1). It will

* In accordance with the decisions taken at the meeting of the Bureau of the United Nations Environment Assembly held on 8 October 2020 and at the joint meeting of the Bureaux of the Environment Assembly and the Committee of Permanent Representatives held on 1 December 2020, the fifth session of the Assembly is expected to adjourn on 23 February 2021 and resume as an in-person meeting in February 2022.

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also take into account any draft resolutions and draft decisions prepared by the Committee of Permanent Representatives to UNEP for consideration and possible adoption by the Assembly.

Item 3

Credentials of representatives

6. In accordance with rule 17 of the rules of procedure, the Bureau of the 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

7. At its first plenary meeting, the Environment Assembly is expected to consider the report of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (UNEP/EA.5/INF/2). The Chair of the Committee will present the report, which will include draft resolutions approved at the fifth meeting of the Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives. The Environment Assembly is then expected to consider draft resolutions and decisions as recommended by the Committee of Permanent Representatives, with a view to adopting them, and defer any outstanding items to its resumed session in February 2022.

Item 5

International environmental policy and governance issues

8. Under this item, the Environment Assembly will consider issues and proposals pertaining to the theme of its fifth session, “Strengthening actions for nature to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals”. Additional issues may be considered under this item, in accordance with previous practice or at the request of an 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

9. Under this item, the Environment Assembly is expected to focus on the conclusions reached at the fifth meeting of the Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives and approve the proposed medium-term strategy for the period 2022–2025 (UNEP/EA.5/3) and the proposed programme of work and budget for the biennium 2022–2023 (UNEP/EA.5/3/Add.1).

10. The Environment Assembly may also wish to consider other relevant administrative and budgetary issues.

Item 7

Stakeholder engagement

11. Under this item, the Environment Assembly will consider contributions from stakeholders to the Assembly.

Item 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

12. In accordance with Environment Assembly resolution 3/3 on contributions of the United Nations Environment Assembly to the high-level political forum on sustainable development, the Assembly may wish to request the Committee of Permanent Representatives to consider and approve a written contribution to the forthcoming meeting of the forum. The meeting, scheduled to be held from 6 to 15 July 2021, will be organized under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council at the ministerial level with the theme “Sustainable and resilient recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic that promotes the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development: building an inclusive and effective path for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda in the context of the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development”.

Item 9**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 1972¹**

13. Under this item, the Environment Assembly may wish to consider the commemoration of the creation of UNEP by the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment held in Stockholm from 5 to 16 June 1972, in accordance with paragraph 8 of Environment Assembly decision 4/2.

Item 10**High-level segment**

14. The high-level segment will address the overarching theme “Strengthening actions for nature to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals”. The segment is expected to take place at the resumed meeting of the fifth session of the Assembly on a date to be decided on at the online meeting of the Assembly in February 2021 and to consist of an opening plenary with statements by key dignitaries, leadership dialogues, a multi-stakeholder dialogue and a closing plenary meeting. Discussions will be supported by a report of the Executive Director on the theme of the fifth session that will be made available at least six weeks before the in-person resumed session of the fifth session of the Environment Assembly.

Item 11**Provisional agenda and dates of the sixth session of the Environment Assembly**

15. Under this item, the Environment Assembly may wish to consider and agree on the provisional agenda and dates of its sixth session.

Item 12**Adoption of the resolutions, decisions and outcome document of the session**

16. Under this item, during the online and in-person meetings of the fifth session of the Environment Assembly, as relevant, 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 agreements reached on draft resolutions and draft decisions. In addition, the President may present a consensual message or statement emanating from the online meeting and a ministerial declaration from its high-level segment at the resumed meeting. The Environment Assembly may wish to consider and adopt these outcomes, as applicable.

Item 13**Election of officers**

17. At its final plenary meeting, in accordance with rule 18 of the rules of procedure, the Environment Assembly will elect a president, eight vice-presidents and a rapporteur from among its members. The President is expected to be nominated from an African State and the Rapporteur from an Eastern European State. The eight Vice-Presidents will include one officer nominated from an African State, two from Asia-Pacific States, one from an Eastern European State, two from Latin American and Caribbean States and two from Western European and other States. The election is expected to be conducted by acclamation on the basis of a list of nominees received from each region by the President of the Assembly before the last plenary meeting of the fifth session.

Item 14**Other matters**

18. Under this item, the Environment Assembly may wish to consider any other matters related to its work.

¹ Supplementary item recommended for consideration in accordance with rule 11 of the rules of procedure, to be considered at the resumed substantive session, or by another process, should the Environment Assembly so decide.

Item 15

Adoption of the report of the session

19. Under this item, the Environment Assembly will be invited to consider and adopt the draft proceedings of the online and resumed meetings of its fifth session on the understanding that the Rapporteur will ensure the finalization of the proceedings, with the support of the secretariat. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 74/22, a report on the adopted outcomes of the online meeting of the fifth session of the Environment Assembly will also be presented to the General Assembly at its seventy-sixth session through the Economic and Social Council.

Item 16

Closure of the session

20. The fifth session of the Environment Assembly is expected to conclude in February or March 2022, on a date to be decided on at the online meeting of the Assembly in February 2021.
