

Concept note and provisional agenda for the third workshop on United Nations General Assembly resolution 73/333, entitled “Follow-up to the report of the ad hoc open-ended working group established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 72/277”

Workshops on implementation of United Nations General Assembly resolution 73/333, entitled “Follow-up to the report of the ad hoc open-ended working group established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 72/277” are being convened in accordance with decision made by the Bureau of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR). On 12 May 2021 the Bureau of the CPR decided to convene a series of online informal workshops with all Member States, Members of Specialized Agencies and Accredited Stakeholders.

The third workshop will take place on 7 July 2021 by virtual means.

The Co-facilitators have designed the provisional agenda in such a way that the third workshop will provide the opportunity for informed and in-depth discussions on international environmental law and means of implementation. A panel of experts in the field of international environmental law and means of implementation will open the meeting and there will be an opportunity for delegations to ask questions and engage in discussions with them.

The conclusions of the third workshop will be posted on the website dedicate to implementation of United Nations General Assembly resolution 73/333 for further consideration by the delegates.

I. Objectives and format of the workshop

A. Objectives

1. The third informal workshop on implementation of United Nations General Assembly resolution 73/333, entitled “Follow-up to the report of the ad hoc open-ended working group established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 72/277” (the workshop) will focus on international environmental law and means of implementation. The aim is to provide an opportunity for delegates to informally exchange views and engage in discussions on international environmental law and means of implementation in the light of the sections “Environmental law is essential for the protection of our planet” and “Accelerating and facilitating action and implementation at all levels” of the draft of building blocks of the political declaration.

B. Format

The discussions will be facilitated by Co-facilitators with assistance from the Secretariat and experts in the field of international environmental law and means of implementation. Set out below are questions that the Co-Facilitators propose for the third workshop.

- (i) Which building blocks under titles “Environmental law is essential for the protection of our planet” and “Accelerating and facilitating action and implementation at all levels” expand current mandates or fall outside the scope of resolution 73/333?
- (ii) What are the benefits of international environmental law when it comes to protecting the environment?

- (iii) What are the opportunities that exist for making full use of the Montevideo Environmental Law Programme in order to increase Member States' capacity building for implementing environmental law?
 - (iv) What assessment tools, including environmental performance reviews, would help Member States in advancing the environmental agenda?
 - (v) How can Member States make optimal use of existing financial mechanisms and funds for implementing the international environmental law and improving the status of the global environment?
2. The workshop is open to the participation of representatives of Member States, Members of Specialized Agencies, Specialized Agencies, United Nations bodies and other intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations.
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