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**First special session: commemoration of the fiftieth
anniversary of the establishment of the
United Nations Environment Programme**
Nairobi (hybrid), 3 and 4 March 2022
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 first special session of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), held in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of UNEP, will be opened at 10 a.m. Nairobi time (UTC + 3) on Thursday, 3 March 2021 by the 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.SS.1/1) and propose its adoption.

(b) Organization of work

3. 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.
4. The Environment Assembly will take into account the proposed organization of work as outlined in the scenario note of the special session.

Item 3

Credentials of representatives

5. 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.

* UNEP/EA.SS.1/1.

Item 4

Statements by representatives

6. Under this item, high-level representatives of Member States will be invited to deliver national statements. It is expected that those statements will refer to the commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of UNEP and address the theme of the special session, “Strengthening UNEP for the implementation of the environmental dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”. The time limit for national statements is 3 minutes per speaker (5 minutes for speakers representing a regional group or a political group).

Item 5

Presentation of the report of the Executive Director on the science-policy interface

7. The Executive Director of UNEP will be invited to present the report entitled “Reflecting on the past and imagining the future: a contribution to the dialogue on the science-policy interface” (UNEP/EA.SS.1/2).

Item 6

Presentation of the stakeholder report entitled “The UNEP We Want”

8. Under this item, representatives of major groups and stakeholders will be invited to present the report entitled “The UNEP We Want”.

Item 7

Leadership dialogues

9. Under this item, two high-level leadership dialogues will be held under the overall theme of the special session, “Strengthening UNEP for the implementation of the environmental dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”.

10. The leadership dialogues will be facilitated by a moderator and will include the participation of special guests and ministers pre-registered to contribute.

11. The Executive Director’s report “Reflecting on the past and imagining the future: a contribution to the dialogue on the science-policy interface” and the stakeholder report “The UNEP We Want” will serve as background documents for both leadership dialogues.

12. The theme of the first high-level leadership dialogue, “Looking back: 50 years of UNEP”, will enable participants to reflect on the achievements of UNEP since its establishment in 1972.

13. The theme of the second high-level leadership dialogue, “Looking forward: achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development for people and planet”, will allow participants to focus on the future of UNEP and environmental multilateralism.

Item 8

Multi-stakeholder dialogue

14. Under this item, a multi-stakeholder dialogue will address the overall theme of the special session, “Strengthening UNEP for the implementation of the environmental dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”. This dialogue will be open to all participants of the session who represent Member States, international organizations or major groups and stakeholders.

Item 9

Adoption of the political outcome of the session

15. Under this item, the Environment Assembly will consider the adoption of the draft political declaration prepared pursuant to General Assembly resolution 73/333.

Item 10**Adoption of the report of the session and the Chair's summary**

16. Under this item, the Environment Assembly will be invited to consider and adopt the draft proceedings of the session on the understanding that the Rapporteur will ensure the finalization of the proceedings, with the support of the secretariat.
17. The Environment Assembly will consider a draft Chair's summary of the session, which will be annexed to the report of the session.

Item 11**Closure of the session**

18. The first special session of the Environment Assembly, held in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of UNEP, is expected to conclude on 4 March 2022.

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