

Decision adopted by the United Nations Environment Assembly on 2 March 2022

Decision 5/4. Provisional agenda, date and venue of the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly

The United Nations Environment Assembly,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 2997 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972, 66/288 of 27 July 2012, 67/213 of 21 December 2012, 67/251 of 13 March 2013, 68/215 of 20 December 2013, 69/223 of 19 December 2014, 71/231 of 21 December 2016, 73/260 of 22 December 2018, 74/222 of 19 December 2019, and 76/208 of 17 December 2021,

Recalling also General Assembly resolutions 47/202 A (para. 17) of 22 December 1992, 54/248 of 23 December 1999, 56/242 of 24 December 2001, 57/283 B (paras. 9–11 of section II) of 15 April 2003, 61/236 (para. 9 of section II A) of 22 December 2006, 62/225 (para. 9 of section II A) of 22 December 2007, 63/248 (para. 9 of section II A) of 24 December 2008, 64/230 (para. 9 of section II A) of 22 December 2009, 65/245 (para. 10 of section II A) of 24 December 2010, 67/237 (para. 13 of section II A) of 28 January 2013, 71/262 (para. 27 of section II and para. 102 of section V) of 23 December 2016, 73/270 (para. 29 of section II) of 22 December 2018; 74/252 (para. 29 of section II and para. 117 of section V) of 27 December 2019; 75/244 (para. 31 of section II and para. 121 of section V) of 31 December 2020; and 76/237 (para. 31 of section II and para. 120 of section V) of 24 December 2021,

Taking into account Governing Council decisions 27/1 and 27/2 of 22 February 2013, as well as United Nations Environment Assembly resolutions 1/2 of 27 June 2014 and 2/22 of 27 May 2016 and decision 3/2 of 6 December 2017,

Recognizing the importance of the implementation of paragraph 88 of the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development entitled “The future we want”, welcoming progress made, including the establishment of the United Nations Environment Assembly, and stressing the importance of continued action,

Emphasizing that improving the effectiveness and efficiency of the existing governing bodies of the United Nations Environment Programme plays an important role in delivering on the environmental dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,

Recalling decision 5/3 of the United Nations Environment Assembly, in which, inter alia, the Assembly decided to adjourn the fifth session of the Assembly, and to resume the session by convening at its headquarters in Nairobi from 28 February to 2 March 2022 to conclude the consideration of its agenda,

Recalling that the decision to hold the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly and the sixth meeting of the Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives is to be without prejudice to resolution 2/22, in which the Assembly decided to hold its regular sessions and the open-ended meetings of the Committee of Permanent Representatives in odd numbered years commencing with its third session, in 2017,

1. *Endorses* the outcome of the stocktaking meeting for the process for review by the Committee of Permanent Representatives of the Environment Assembly and its subsidiary bodies, as agreed at the eighth meeting of the annual subcommittee of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, held in Nairobi from 25 to 29 October 2021.
2. *Decides* to hold the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly at the headquarters of the United Nations Environment Programme, in Nairobi;
3. *Also decides*, that the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly will be held in Nairobi from 26 February to 1 March 2024;

4. *Urges* the Environment Assembly at its sixth session, when considering the date and venue of its seventh session, to keep in mind its resolution 2/22, on the review of the cycle of the Environment Assembly and rule 1 of its rules of procedure concerning the recommended time between sessions of the Environment Assembly, and the need to approve the medium-term strategy for the period 2026–2029 and the programme of work and budget for the biennium 2026–2027 in 2025;

5. *Decides*, in accordance with paragraph 10 of Governing Council decision 27/2 of 22 February 2013, that the sixth meeting of the Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives will take place from 19 to 23 February 2024, and requests the Committee of Permanent Representatives to discuss, in consultation with the Bureau of the United Nations Environment Assembly, and decide on, the format and agenda of the meeting;

6. *Takes note* of the decision of the Intergovernmental Review Meeting on the Implementation of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities held on 15 February 2022, by which the meeting decided to hold no further sessions of the periodic Intergovernmental Review Meeting of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities, recognizing that the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme can continue to provide guidance on priorities and actions to address marine pollution from land-based activities;

7. *Approves* the provisional agenda for the sixth session as follows:

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, date and venue of the seventh 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

8. *Requests* the Committee of Permanent Representatives, in consultation with the Bureau of the United Nations Environment Assembly, to contribute to the preparation of the annotations to the provisional agenda set out in paragraph 7 above;

9. *Requests* the Bureau of the United Nations Environment Assembly, in consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives, to define a theme for the sixth session of the Environment Assembly no later than twelve months in advance of the sixth session;

10. *Strongly encourages* Member States to submit draft resolutions for consideration by the United Nations Environment Assembly at its sixth session, preferably at least ten weeks in advance of the sixth meeting of the Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives, taking into account the theme of the sixth session of the

Environment Assembly and the limited time and resources available for the negotiation of the resolutions during the sixth meeting of the Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives and the sixth session of the Environment Assembly, without prejudice to the rules of procedure, in particular rule 44;

11. *Takes note of* the action plan for the implementation of subparagraphs (a)–(h) of paragraph 88 of the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development and notes that the Executive Director will mainstream elements of the plan into future UNEP medium-term strategies and programmes of work which shall be closely monitored for impact, and will undertake consultations with the Committee of Permanent Representatives to support the implementation of the plan;

12. *Decides* to adjust the logo and visual identity of the United Nations Environment Programme in accordance with option 1 in the document entitled “Background document for agenda item 6: visual identity of the UN Environment Programme” presented by the secretariat at the meeting of the subcommittee of the Committee of Permanent Representatives held on 12 September 2019 and as have been used since that time;

13. *Decides* to extend the programme of work for the period 2022–2023 by two years, to the end of 2025, with the budget and targets being pro-rated accordingly.