Decisions adopted by the United Nations Environment Assembly on 1 March 2024

6/2. Organization of work

At its 1st plenary meeting, on 26 February 2024, the Environment Assembly, in accordance with rule 63 of its rules of procedure, established a committee of the whole, open for participation to States Members of the United Nations, members of the specialized agencies and the regional economic integration organizations; allocated agenda item 5, international environmental policy and governance issues, and agenda item 11, provisional agenda, dates and venue of the seventh session of the Environment Assembly to the Committee; and elected by acclamation Norbert Kurilla (Slovakia) as Chair of the Committee and Silvio Albuquerque e Silva (Brazil) as the Rapporteur.

At the same meeting, the Environment Assembly decided that the time limit for statements would be three minutes for statements by representatives of individual delegations, including statements by observers and representatives of major groups and stakeholders; five minutes for statements by representatives speaking on behalf of a group of States; and three minutes for statements in explanation of vote before action and after action on a proposal.

At the same meeting, the Environment Assembly also decided that the right of reply should be exercised at the end of the day whenever two or three meetings had been scheduled for that day and whenever such meetings were devoted to the consideration of the same item or before the conclusion of the consideration of the item, with the number of interventions in the exercise of the right being limited to two per item for any delegation at a given meeting, the first such intervention being limited to three minutes and the second to two minutes.

At the same meeting, the Environment Assembly, further decided that:

(i) A high-level dialogue on the theme “Strengthening the science policy interface for effective implementation of environmental commitments” would be held on Wednesday, 28 February, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

(ii) A high-level dialogue on the theme “Strengthening cooperation between UNEA, UNEP and MEAs to enhance effective implementation at national level, including through means of implementation” would be held on Wednesday, 28 February, from 3 to 6 p.m.;

(iii) A leadership dialogue on the theme “Super-highway or still in slow motion: are science, data and digitalization really speeding our transition to a sustainable future?” would be held on Thursday, 29 February, from 3 to 4.30 p.m.;

(iv) A multi-stakeholder dialogue on the theme “Partnering for the environment: inclusive multilateralism fit for purpose” would be held on Thursday, 29 February, from 4.30 to 6 p.m.;

(v) A leadership dialogue on the theme “Show me the money: can the global financial system really tackle climate change, nature loss and pollution?” would be held on Friday, 1 March from 10 to 11.30 a.m.;

(vi) A leadership dialogue on the theme “Alive and kicking: environmental multilateralism is a beacon of hope but is it delivering fast enough?” would be held on Friday, 1 March, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.