

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

## 6/7. Provisional agenda, dates and venue of the seventh 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, 76/208 of 17 December 2021 and 77/168 of 14 December 2022,

*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, 76/237 (para. 31 of section II and para. 120 of section V) of 24 December 2021, 77/255 (para. 30 of section II and para. 118 of section V) of 30 December 2022, 77/263 (para. 4 of section VIII) of 30 December 2022 and 78/245 (para. 33 of section II and para. 120 of section V) of 22 December 2023,

*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 decisions 3/2 of 6 December 2017, 4/2 of 15 March 2019 and 5/3 of 23 February 2021,

*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”, and welcoming the progress made, including the establishment of the United Nations Environment Assembly,

*Recognizing also* the political declaration of the special session of the United Nations Environment Assembly to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the United Nations Environment Programme and stressing the importance of continued action,

*Welcoming* the progress made in the implementation of 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 endorsed in paragraph 1 of Environment Assembly decision 5/4 of 2 March 2022, with a view to improving the effectiveness and efficiency of the governing bodies of the United Nations Environment Programme,

*Recalling* decision 5/2 of 23 February 2021 on the medium-term strategy for the period 2022–2025 and the programme of work and budget for the biennium 2022–2023,

*Recalling also* decision 5/4 of 2 March 2022 on the provisional agenda, dates and venue of the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly,

*Recalling further* General Assembly resolution 75/233 of 30 December 2020 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system,

1. *Decides*, without prejudice to the provisions of rule 1 of the rules of procedure of the Environment Assembly, to hold the seventh session of the Assembly at the headquarters of the United Nations Environment Programme, in Nairobi, from 8 to 12 December 2025, and recognizes that those dates have been agreed upon on an exceptional basis as they do not allow

for holding the seventh session on a biennial basis and have an impact on the term of the office of its Bureau;

2. *Also decides* that, pursuant to paragraph 10 of Governing Council decision 27/2 of 22 February 2013, the seventh meeting of the Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives will take place from 1 to 5 December 2025 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 seventh session of the Assembly;

3. *Approves* the provisional agenda for the seventh 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; 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. Cooperation with multilateral environmental agreements.
11. Provisional agenda, dates and venue of the eighth session of the Environment Assembly.
12. Adoption of the resolutions, decisions and outcome document of the session.
13. Election of officers.
14. Other matters.
15. Adoption of the report.
16. Closure of the session.

4. *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 3 above;

5. *Requests* the Bureau of the Environment Assembly, in consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives, to define a theme for the seventh session of the Environment Assembly no later than 12 months in advance of the seventh session;

6. *Strongly urges* Member States to submit, in line with Environment Assembly decision 5/4, draft resolutions for consideration by the Environment Assembly at its seventh session, and to do so preferably at least 10 weeks in advance of the seventh session, taking into account the theme of the session and the limited time and resources available for the negotiation of the draft resolutions during the seventh meeting of the Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives and the seventh session of the Assembly, without prejudice to the rules of procedure of the Assembly, in particular rule 44;

7. *Encourages* Member States to seek gender balance in the distribution of the offices of President and members of the Bureau of the Environment Assembly as well as those of the Chair and members of the Bureau of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, where applicable, and to support gender balance in the composition of delegations to the sessions of the Environment Assembly, the meetings of the Committee of Permanent Representatives and other related intergovernmental meetings;

8. *Welcomes* the report of the Executive Director on the implementation of decision 5/2,<sup>1</sup> in which the Environment Assembly requested the Executive Director, in consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives, to submit for consideration and approval by the Assembly at its sixth session a prioritized, results-oriented and streamlined programme of work for the biennium 2024–2025, and the report of the Executive Director on the implementation of decision 5/4 of 2 March 2022, in which the Environment Assembly decided 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;<sup>2</sup>

9. *Requests* the Executive Director, through inclusive and regular consultation with Member States and, as appropriate, relevant stakeholders, to prepare a draft programme of work and budget for the period 2026–2027 and a draft medium-term strategy for the period 2026–2029, fully taking into account the views of Member States and making every effort to reflect consensual views, for consideration and approval by the Environment Assembly at its seventh session, following the established processes as set out in paragraph 11 of Governing Council decision 27/2.

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<sup>1</sup> UNEP/EA.6/INF/15.

<sup>2</sup> UNEP/EA.6/13.