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Annotated provisional agenda

1. Opening of the meeting.

The Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Environment Programme will open the meeting on Monday, 8 July 2024 at 10:00 (GMT+3).

2. Adoption of the agenda.

The Committee will be invited to adopt the provisional agenda for the meeting, as set out in document UNEP/ASC.11/1. The Committee will also have for its consideration the annotated provisional agenda as contained in document UNEP/AS.11/1/Add.1.

3. Implementation of the Programme of work and budget 2022-2023 of the United Nations Environment Programme.

a) Review of UNEP Programme of Work implementation.

The Secretariat will present an overview of the status of implementation of the 2022-2023 Programme of Work of UNEP, including linkages to relevant UNEA resolutions and decisions. Presentations will be grouped by strategic objectives and the foundational and enabling sub-programmes and interspersed by an exchange of views with Member States and Stakeholders. The Committee will be invited to take note of the presentation and provide guidance as appropriate.

b) Management and administration of UNEP.

The Secretariat will present an overview of UNEP's budget, human resources, audits and other administrative matters followed by an exchange of views with Member States and Stakeholders. The Committee will be invited to take note of the presentation and provide guidance as appropriate.

c) Consideration of relevant UNEP evaluation reports.

The Evaluation Office will present an overview of evaluations completed since the last subcommittee meeting, particularly referring to the Biennial Evaluation Synthesis Report 2022-2023, followed by a management response from the UNEP Secretariat and an exchange of views

with Member States and Stakeholders. The Committee will be invited to take note of the evaluation and its management response and provide guidance as appropriate.

d) Coordination within the UN system on the environment through the Environment Management Group

The Secretariat will present an overview of the two UN system wide Common Approaches on Biodiversity and Pollution, the progress made in their implementation and future plans in integration of environmental considerations in the work of other UN entities, including through the Environment Management Group. The presentation will be followed by an exchange of views with Member States and Stakeholders. The Committee will be invited to take note of the presentation and provide guidance, as appropriate, including with regard to how UNEP can leverage the collective strength of the UN System through the EMG, to integrate environmental considerations in the policies, programmes, and operations of the UN entities ultimately serving the SDGs.

e) Contribution of the regional forums of ministers of the environment and environment authorities to the UNEP Medium-term Strategy and Programme of Work.

In line with paragraph 1 (a) of UNEA resolution 6/3, the Secretariat will present an overview of the role of regional forums of ministers of the environment and UNEP regional offices in achieving multilateral cooperation in tackling environmental challenges. The presentation will be followed by an exchange of views with Member States and Stakeholders. The Committee will be invited to take note of the update from the Secretariat and provide guidance on further action needed by the Secretariat and Member States towards increased contribution of the regional forums of ministers of the environment and environment authorities to the UNEP Medium-term Strategy and Programme of Work.

4. Financial outlook, opportunities and challenges for the United Nations Environment Programme.

The Secretariat will present an overview of UNEP's financial status and outlook on challenges, and opportunities, including an update on developments regarding the widening of the funding base, and how the Secretariat is addressing requests for better recognition of the funding partners. The presentation will also discuss the strengthening of the Environment Fund and the new Thematic Funds. The Committee will be invited to take note of the presentation and provide guidance, as appropriate, including with regard to how to strengthen UNEP's financial basis.

5. Preparations for the seventh session of the United Nations Environment Assembly

a) Preparations for a draft medium-term strategy for the period 2026-2029 and a draft programme of work and budget for the period 2026-2027

UNEA, in its decision 6/7, requested the Executive Director of UNEP, 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 for consideration and approval by the United Nations Environment Assembly at its seventh session. The Secretariat will present a roadmap for the preparation of and consultations on the draft programme of work and budget and the draft medium-term strategy, including a timeline and key milestones. The Secretariat will also share lessons learned from the preparations of previous programmes of work and medium-term strategies. The Committee will be invited to take note of the presentation from the Secretariat and provide guidance on the proposed roadmap.

b) Consultation on the theme for the seventh session of the United Nations Environment Assembly.

In line with UNEA decision 6/7, in which UNEA requested the Bureau of the United Nations Environment Assembly, in consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives, to define a theme for UNEA-7 no later than 12 months in advance of the seventh session, the Presidency of UNEA will provide a briefing on options for a theme for UNEA-7, followed by an exchange of views with Member States and stakeholders.

6. Consideration of a draft Chair's summary.

The meeting will consider a draft Chair's summary of the meeting, which will capture the key recommendations and general guidance emerging from Member States and Stakeholders, as appropriate, following the discussions held under agenda items 3 to 5, to be formally adopted at the 167th meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, scheduled for 17 September 2024. The Committee will be invited to endorse the summary.

7. Other matters.

The meeting will consider any other matters related to its work.

8. Closing of the meeting.

The meeting is expected to close on 12 July 2024 at 18:00 (GMT+3).