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**Discussion Paper for Session 4: Preparations for the Third session of the
Assembly (inter-sessional, regional and global processes)**

Follow up of the implementation of Environment Assembly's resolutions by the Committee of Permanent Representatives

In order to track impact of the UN Environment Assembly's resolutions, it is important that a systematic process for follow-up and review of the implementation of their outcomes is put in place. Building on existing processes for monitoring and reporting, this can be done by mapping the resolutions at three levels:

1. Mapping and monitoring resolutions against the Programme of Work

Each of the Assembly's resolution should be mapped onto a project in the Programme of Work (either new or existing) with outcome indicators that measure progress towards impact. The owner of the resolution (Division, Branch) should develop a timetable and work plan for delivery until the next UN Environment Assembly. This work plan should include milestones and indicators of progress that will be regularly reported on as part of the secretariats existing monitoring and reporting framework.

2. Mapping of indicators to the Sustainable Development Goals and other internationally agreed environmental goals

The indicators mentioned under 1 should also be compared to the Sustainable Development Goals and other internationally agreed environmental goals. Where possible, the indicators should directly link to the Sustainable Development Goals' indicators and other agreed global targets and indicators (e.g. Aichi Biodiversity Targets).

Follow-up and review of the marine plastics resolution would, for example, be linked to the marine pollution indicator included in Sustainable Development Goal 14 on oceans' health. The proxy to measure progress towards implementation of this goal by 2030 is to monitor the amount of beach litter. This Sustainable Development Goal indicator should therefore be linked to the follow-up and review of the resolution on marine plastics.

3. Informing political fora and enhancing the UN Environment Assembly's visibility

As part of the follow-up mechanism, reporting on the resolutions can be done through a pyramid of publications (Figure 1). Annual State of the Environment Reports could be prepared that link to the relevant Assembly resolutions and report on progress. Such annual statements may each year have a different thematic focus, but will eventually culminate into the Global Environment Outlook. As a truly integrated environmental assessment, the Global Environment Outlook will

link and report back on *all* UN Environment Assembly resolutions within the broader context of its wider environmental review and foresight.

Through this pyramid, access will be provided to continuous (and online) review and reporting on outcomes, and the UN Environment Assembly will be able to link to the political agenda and UN-wide policy goals by timely informing the High Level Political Forum, the Economic and Social Council, targeted campaigns and other international processes – thereby enhancing the role and visibility of the UN Environment Assembly and its delivery to the world.

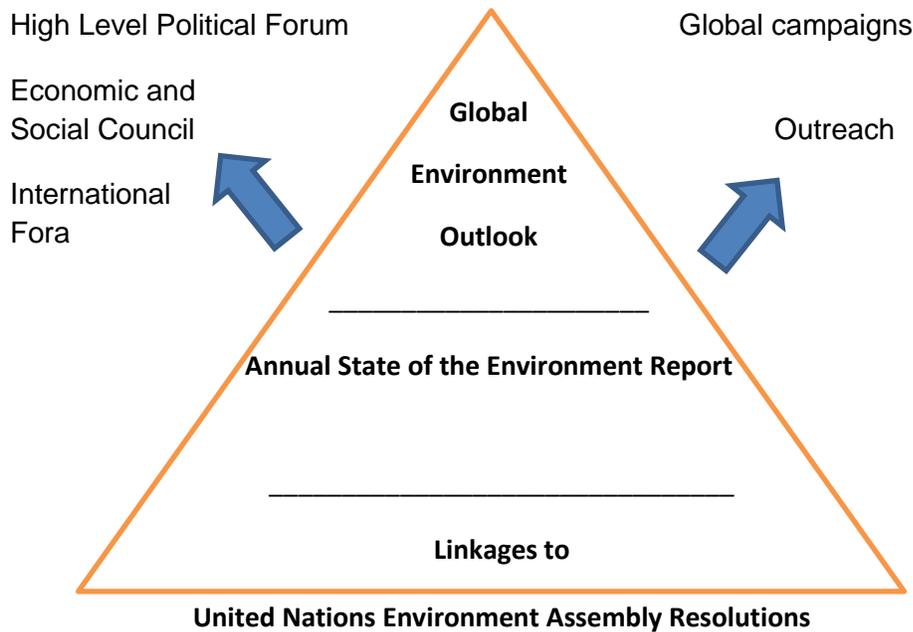


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