

Compiled draft resolutions of the Third United Nations Environment Assembly

No.	Country	Subject	Date received	Remarks
1	U.S.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water quality monitoring • Lead paint 	27 April 2017	<p>In the spirit of increasing public awareness and mobilizing concrete actions on pollution, the United States would like to propose UNEA-3 resolutions on the issues of water quality monitoring and lead paint. As UNEP reported in 2016, pollution is affecting water bodies across several continents yet global capacity to collect and analyze data on water quality remains poor. Severe pathogenic pollution is found in around one-third of all rivers and severe organic pollution in about 15 percent of all rivers. Severe and moderate salinity pollution is a growing concern, affecting around one-tenth of all rivers. Despite general agreement that lead in paint causes serious health problems and adverse economic impacts and that there are specific legal solutions that most countries can implement, only 30 percent of countries currently have lead paint laws.</p>
2	Norway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marine litter and microplastics 	30 April 2017	<p>The Kingdom of Norway hereby expresses our intention to put forward a draft resolution on marine litter and microplastics for the consideration of the Third United Nations Environment Assembly.</p> <p>Marine litter is one of the largest environmental problems of our time and we are pleased with the increased awareness and action that has taken place since UNEA-1 when the first resolution was adopted. We see scope for further urgent action to be taken by UNEA-3.</p> <p>This draft resolution will build on and add value to the action taken by UNEA-1 and UNEA-2.</p> <p>In order to ensure the best possible draft, Norway welcomes working together with others and invites interested delegations to contact the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Nairobi.</p>

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3	EU and its MS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marine pollution • (Fresh) water pollution • Air pollution • Soil pollution ➤ Cross-cutting approaches: a) environment and health nexus; b) urban pollution; and c) innovative solution partnerships platforms 	15 May 2017	<p>The EU plans to submit one or more resolutions for UNEA-3. Pending the key issues identified in the background document, we have not yet finalized our views on the best way of clustering different subtopics of pollution. At this stage, we would like to submit a preliminary list of priority topics the EU and its MS are interested to cooperate with other UNMS to work towards (joint) submission of resolution proposals, either by the EU and its Member States, by non EU member states or jointly.</p> <p><u>Marine pollution:</u> possible issues to address: marine litter/(micro)plastics; promote a broader approach to marine pollution, including issues such as eutrophication, acidification, hazardous materials; comprehensive approaches for related sources, such as a plastic value chain approach to address marine litter/(micro) plastics; data and information gaps (including on marine litter); the importance of bringing together and scaling up existing actions; identify and promote concrete implementation approaches and partnerships under relevant international initiatives; link to different SDGs; provide guidance to UNEP in light of relevant activities and programmes.</p> <p><u>(Fresh) water pollution:</u> possible issues to address: data and information gaps, i.e. keeping emerging pollutants, including pesticides, and sources under review; improving water quality monitoring and assessment including through GEMS/GEMI and other initiatives; enhance international water governance, international cooperation and multi-stakeholder engagement; promote integrated water resource management; facilitate sharing of best-practices; link to different SDGs; provide guidance to UNEP in light of relevant activities and programmes.</p> <p><u>Air pollution:</u> possible issues to address: data and information / awareness gaps; promote action to improve air quality monitoring and assessment and to develop air quality policies and strategies (at the sub-national, national, or regional level); enhance international cooperation and multi-stakeholder engagement including synergies between institutions working on air pollution; promote actions to facilitate the implementation of air quality monitoring networks and capacity to develop air quality management plans; facilitate sharing of best-practices; maximise synergies between policies on air, climate mitigation, SDG's, health, transport, energy and agriculture;</p>

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				<p>provide guidance to UNEP in light of relevant activities and programmes to advance the discussion on a shared global response to air pollution.</p> <p>Soil pollution: possible issues to address: knowledge gap on soil pollution and related environment, health, social and economic impact of contaminated soils (considering both point source contamination and diffuse pollution, including pesticides and fertilizers); facilitate the sharing of best practices; provide guidance to UNEP in light of relevant activities and programmes; building from existing work at other UN-agencies such as UNCCD, FAO, including Revised World Soil Charter and the Global Soil Partnership; link to different SDGs including land degradation.</p> <p>The EU and its MS are therefore considering how a cross-cutting approach to pollution could best be reflected by resolutions taking into account cross-cutting issues, such as health, social and economic impacts, gender, cross-media and cross-sector impacts and solutions and the role of the new urban agenda. Resolutions should also highlight key principles and policy approaches to pollution sources, such as prevention, reduction, solution oriented innovation, integrated lifecycle approaches, sound management of chemicals and waste, sustainable consumption and production approaches (such as guidelines on consumer information under the 10YFP), as well as innovative approaches to cooperation, including platforms for sharing of best practices and involvement of the private sector. Finally, a cross-cutting resolution may help to limit the total number of resolutions.</p> <p>an environment and health nexus, building on the UNEA2 debates and reports relevant to pollution. Possible issues to address: potential benefits for human health and of protecting and restoring ecosystems; sound management of chemicals and waste, including pesticides and endocrine disruptors; noise pollution; antimicrobial resistance; promote preventive, “One health” approaches, taking into account gender impacts of pollution; provide specific guidance to UNEP’s collaboration with other international organizations, in particular WHO and WMO.</p> <p>urban pollution - following rapid urbanization globally, cities are increasingly relevant, both in generating pollution and finding synergetic solutions. The New Urban Agenda identified pollution as one of the main</p>

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				<p>urban challenges. Possible issues to address: the role of local authorities to tackle pollution, facilitate sharing of best practices; smart city and innovative partnership approaches to address concrete issues related to water, soil and air pollution, including from transport, (solid) waste and the building and construction sector in an integrated manner.</p> <p><u>innovative solution partnerships platforms</u>, to promote the sharing of best practices and development of solution oriented innovation to address concrete (cross-cutting) issues of pollution (s.a. plastics, nitrogen, fertilizers, pesticides, e.g. through integrated lifecycle approaches, sustainable consumption and production approaches, value chain approaches, etc) building on proven collaboration platforms and voluntary action on specific issues at the regional and country level.</p>
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Annex 1. Indication of intention to submit draft resolutions

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- The Delegation of Iraq has sent a Note Verbale informing that the Government of Iraq has intention to submit a draft resolution and details would be forwarded as soon as possible (Received on 28 April 2017).