

Decision 4/2. Provisional agenda, date and venue of the fifth 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 and 73/260 of 22 December 2018,

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,

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 decision 3/2 of 6 December 2017,

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”, welcoming progress made, including the establishment of the United Nations Environment Assembly, and stressing the importance of continued action,

Emphasizing that improving the effectiveness and efficiency of the existing governing bodies of the United Nations Environment Programme plays an important role in delivering on the environmental dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,

Deeply concerned about the lack of progress in several areas in the implementation of paragraph 88 of the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development,

Reiterating the commitment made in Environment Assembly resolution 3/11 on the implementation of subparagraphs 88 (a)–(h)

of the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development,

1. *Decides* to hold the fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly at its headquarters in Nairobi from 22 to 26 February 2021, in accordance with paragraph 3 of its decision 3/2 of 6 December 2017;

2. *Also decides* that, in accordance with paragraph 10 of Governing Council decision 27/2 of 22 February 2013 and paragraph 2 of its resolution 2/22 of 27 May 2016, the fifth meeting of the Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives will take place from 15 to 19 February 2021, without prejudice to decisions on further meetings of the Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives, 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 meeting;

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3. *Approves* the provisional agenda for the fifth 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, and 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. Provisional agenda, date and venue of the sixth session of the Environment Assembly.
 11. Adoption of the resolutions, decisions and outcome document of the session.
 12. Election of officers.
 13. Other matters.
 14. Adoption of the report.
 15. 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 United Nations Environment Assembly, in consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives, to define a theme for the Environment Assembly no later than 31 December 2019;

6. *Strongly encourages* Member States to submit draft resolutions for consideration by the United Nations Environment Assembly at its fifth session preferably at least eight weeks in advance of the fifth meeting of the Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives, taking into account the theme of the fifth session of the Environment Assembly and the limited time and resources available for the negotiation of the resolutions during the fifth meeting of the Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives and the fifth session of the Environment Assembly, without prejudice to the rules of procedure, in particular rule 44;

7. *Requests* the Executive Director to submit draft decisions for consideration by the Environment Assembly at its fifth session at least eight weeks in advance of the fifth meeting of the Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives;

8. *Also requests* the Executive Director to prepare, in consultation with Member States, the commemoration of the creation of the United Nations Environment Programme by the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment held in Stockholm from 5 to 16 June 1972, making use of contributions from relevant stakeholders;

Process for review by the Committee of Permanent Representatives

9. *Requests* the Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, in close consultation with the President of the Environment Assembly, to present to the Committee of Permanent Representatives for its deliberation and decision at the sixth annual subcommittee meeting a consolidated proposal outlining a consensual process for review by the Committee of Permanent Representatives of the United Nations Environment Assembly and its subsidiary bodies, with a view to providing concrete proposals for the improvement of their efficiency and effectiveness, for consideration by the United Nations Environment Assembly at its fifth session;

10. *Decides* that the scope of the consideration during the review process will be:

(a) The preparation, working arrangements, and scheduling of sessions of the Environment Assembly and the objectives, preparation, working arrangements and the scheduling of meetings of its

subsidiary body, namely the meeting of the Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives and the regular and annual meetings of the subcommittee of the Committee of Permanent Representatives;

(b) The respective roles and responsibilities of the Bureau of the Environment Assembly and of the Bureau of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, including those related to interactions with their respective constituencies;

(c) Criteria, modalities and timing for presenting and negotiating draft resolutions and decisions;

(d) Monitoring and reporting on the implementation of the programme of work and budget and of the resolutions of the Environment Assembly;

11. *Requests* the Executive Director to conduct a mapping exercise and provide an input paper on the topics specified in paragraph 10 of the present decision at least three weeks ahead of the sixth annual subcommittee meeting;

12. *Decides* that the review process will be open, inclusive and transparent and provide the opportunity for the submission of written input by Member States and stakeholders throughout the duration of the process, and also decides that it will be co-chaired by two members of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, one from a developing country and one from a developed country;

13. *Requests* the Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to hold a stock-taking meeting, not exceeding two days in duration, under the framework of the seventh annual subcommittee meeting, with the goal of considering the endorsement of the progress achieved at that time;

14. *Requests* the Executive Director to submit an action plan for the implementation of subparagraphs (a)–(h) of paragraph 88 of the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, to be submitted for consideration by the United Nations Environment Assembly at its fifth session, and invites the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Nairobi to contribute to the development of the plan in respect of the implementation of subparagraph (g) concerning the headquarters functions of the United Nations Environment Programme in Nairobi.