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Item 2 of the provisional agenda*

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Annotated provisional agenda

Item 1

Opening of the session

1. The fourth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme will be opened at 10 a.m. on Monday, 11 March 2019, by Mr. Siim Valmar Kiisler, President of the United Nations Environment Assembly, elected at its third session, held in Nairobi from 4 to 6 December 2017.

Item 2

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

(a) Adoption of the agenda

2. The President will draw the attention of the Environment Assembly to the provisional agenda (UNEP/EA.4/1) and propose its adoption.

(b) Organization of work

3. In accordance with rule 13 of the rules of procedure, the President will then invite the Environment Assembly to allocate items among its plenary meetings and the meetings of any sessional committees, including a committee of the whole, and working parties that may be established in accordance with rule 61.
4. In the establishment of those committees and working parties, the Environment Assembly will take into account the proposed organization of work as outlined in the note of the Executive Director on the organization of the fourth session of the Assembly (UNEP/EA.4/INF/1). It will also take into account the compilation of draft resolutions prepared by the Committee of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) for consideration and possible adoption by the Assembly.

* UNEP/EA.4/1.

Item 3

Credentials of representatives

5. In accordance with rule 17 of the rules of procedure, the Bureau of the Environment Assembly will report to the Assembly at its first plenary meeting on the credentials of representatives in attendance.

Item 4

Report of the Committee of Permanent Representatives

6. At its first plenary meeting, the Environment Assembly is expected to consider the report of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (UNEP/EA.4/INF/2). The Chair of the Committee will present the report, which will include draft resolutions approved at the fourth open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives. The Environment Assembly is then expected to consider and adopt draft resolutions as recommended by the Committee of Permanent Representatives and refer outstanding items to the Committee of the Whole.

Item 5

International environmental policy and governance issues

7. Under this item, the Environment Assembly will consider items and proposals pertaining to the theme of its fourth session, “Innovative solutions to environmental challenges and sustainable consumption and production”. Any other issues may also be discussed under this agenda item at the request of any authority entitled to propose items under paragraph 1 of rule 9 of the rules of procedure.

Item 6

Programme of work and budget, and other administrative and budgetary issues

8. Under this item, the Environment Assembly is expected to focus on the conclusions reached at the fourth open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives with regard to the proposed programme of work and budget for UNEP and on the implementation of resolutions adopted by the Environment Assembly at its previous sessions. The Assembly may wish to allocate this item to the Committee of the Whole.

9. The Environment Assembly may also wish to consider other relevant administrative and budgetary issues.

Item 7

Stakeholder engagement

10. Under this item, the Environment Assembly will consider the contributions from stakeholders to the Assembly, including at the regional level.

Item 8

Contributions to meetings of the high-level political forum on sustainable development

11. In accordance with Environment Assembly resolution 3/3 on contributions of the United Nations Environment Assembly to the high-level political forum on sustainable development (UNEP/EA.3/Res.3), the Assembly is expected to consider its contribution to the forthcoming meeting of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, to be organized under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council at the level of ministers with the theme “Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality” from 9 to 18 July 2019. The meeting of the forum will be followed by a “Sustainable Development Goals Summit”, which convenes every four years under the auspices of the General Assembly at the level of heads of State and Government, to be held on 24 and 25 September 2019.

Item 9

High-level segment

12. The high-level segment will convene on 14 and 15 March 2019 and will address the overarching theme “Innovative solutions to environmental challenges and sustainable consumption and production”. The segment is expected to consist of an opening plenary with statements by key dignitaries, national statements, three leadership dialogues, a multi-stakeholder dialogue, a wrap-up

plenary meeting and a closing plenary meeting. Discussions will be supported by the report of the Executive Director on the theme of the fourth session (UNEP/EA.4/INF/17). Further information on the modalities of the high-level segment will be available in the note of the Executive Director on the organization of the fourth session of the Assembly (UNEP/EA.4/INF/1).

Item 10

Provisional agenda and date of the fifth session of the Environment Assembly

13. The Environment Assembly may wish to consider and agree on the provisional agenda and date of its fifth session, to be held during the last week of February, in accordance with Environment Assembly decision 3/2 on the provisional agenda, date and venue of the fourth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly.

Item 11

Adoption of the outcomes of the session

14. During the concluding plenary of the fourth session, in the afternoon of Friday, 15 March 2019, the President is expected to invite the chairs of the sessional committees and working parties to report on the outcomes of their respective work, including on the agreements reached on draft resolutions and the outcome document of the high-level segment. The Environment Assembly may wish to consider and adopt those outcomes.

Item 12

Election of officers

15. At its final plenary meeting and in accordance with rule 18 of the rules of procedure, the Environment Assembly will elect a president, eight vice-presidents and a rapporteur from among its members. The President is expected to be nominated from among the Western European and other States and the Rapporteur from among the African States. The eight Vice-Presidents will include two nominated officers drawn from the Asia-Pacific States, one from the African States, one from the Western European and other States, two from the Latin American and Caribbean States and two from the Eastern European States. It is expected that the election will be conducted by acclamation based on the list of nominees received from each region by the President of the Assembly prior to the last meeting of the fourth session.

Item 13

Other matters

16. The Environment Assembly may wish to consider any other matters related to its work.

Item 14

Adoption of the report

17. The Environment Assembly may wish to consider and adopt the proceedings of the first four days of the fourth session with the understanding that the proceedings of the last day will be reflected in the final report to be cleared by the Rapporteur of the Assembly after the conclusion of the fourth session.

Item 15

Closure of the session

18. The fourth session of the Environment Assembly is expected to conclude by 6 p.m. on Friday, 15 March 2019.
