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Fifth meeting
Nairobi, 4 February 2001
Item 2 of the provisional agenda*

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE MEETING

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1: Opening of the meeting

1. The fifth meeting of the High-level Committee of Ministers and Officials will be opened at 4 p.m. on Sunday, 4 February 2001, by the Chair or, in his absence, by one of the other officers of the Committee.

2. The Bureau of the Committee is constituted as follows:

Chair	Mr. Francis Nhema (Zimbabwe)
Vice-Chairs	Mr. Wang Zhijia (China) Mr. Janusz Radziejowski (Poland) Mr. Rawle Cyprian Eastmond (Barbados)
Rapporteur	Mr. Philippe Roch (Switzerland)

3. At its twentieth session, the Governing Council elected the following States as members of the High-level Committee of Ministers and Officials, in accordance with paragraph (b) of its decision 19/32 of 4 April 1997: Algeria, Argentina, Bangladesh, Brazil, Burundi, Canada, China, Cuba, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark (for 2000), Finland (for 1999), France, Germany, Greece, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal, Slovakia, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

* UNEP/HLC/5/1.

Item 2: Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work of the meeting

4. The provisional agenda for the fifth meeting of the Committee is contained in document UNEP/HLC/5/1.

5. The Executive Director recommends that the Committee deal with all the items of the provisional agenda in the plenary meeting.

Item 3: Consideration of the future of the High-level Committee of Ministers and Officials

6. Following the institutionalization of the annual Global Ministerial Environment Forum, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 53/242 of 28 July 1999, the role and mandate of the High-level Committee of Ministers and Officials need to be reviewed. The Bureau of the High-level Committee, meeting in Geneva on 2 April 2000, agreed that the decision regarding the future of the Committee should be taken at the twenty-first session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum, to be held from 5 to 9 February 2001, when the Council will consider the governance structure of the United Nations Environment Programme, in accordance with its decision 19/32.

7. To assist it in its deliberations, the Committee will have before it a report by the Executive Director entitled "The High-level Committee of Ministers and Officials: its role and mandate revisited" (UNEP/HLC/5/2). A full list of documentation for the fifth meeting is annexed to the present document.

Item 4: Other matters

8. Members of the Committee may bring any other matter to the attention of the Committee.

Item 5: Adoption of the report of the meeting

9. The report of the meeting will be adopted on the basis of the draft report.

Item 6: Closure of the meeting

10. The meeting is expected to conclude its work by 6 p.m. on Sunday, 4 February 2001.

Annex

Documentation before the fifth meeting of the Committee

Provisional agenda	UNEP/HLC/5/1
Annotated provisional agenda	UNEP/HLC/5/1/Add.1
The High-level Committee of Ministers and Officials: its role and mandate revisited	UNEP/HLC/5/2
Report of the meeting of the Bureau of the High-level Committee of Ministers and Officials of the United Nations Environment Programme, Geneva, 2 April 2000	UNEP/HLC/INF/1
