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**GLOBAL MINISTERIAL ENVIRONMENT FORUM**

**DRAFT PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL  
AT ITS TWENTY-FIRST SESSION**

Addendum

II. POLICY ISSUES (continued)

1. Agenda items 4(c), 4(d), 6 and 7 were jointly taken up by the Council at its 5th and 6th plenary meetings, on 7 February 2001.

2. In considering the items, the Council had before it the following documentation:

(a) Under item 4 (c) (Coordination and cooperation within and outside the United Nations, including non-governmental organizations), a report on global governance and UNEP (UNEP/GC.21/4), a paper on UNEP participation in the work of GEF (UNEP/GC.21/INF/4), memoranda of understanding concerning cooperation between UNEP and other organizations in the United Nations system (UNEP/GC.21/INF/7), a report on the implementation of Governing Council decision 20/6 (UNEP/GC.21/INF/15), a paper on enhanced coherence and efficiency among international activities related to chemicals (UNEP/GC.21/INF/20) and draft decisions submitted by the Committee of Permanent Representatives (UNEP/GC.21/L.1);

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(b) Under item 4 (d) (Governance of the United Nations Environment Programme), a report on global environmental governance and UNEP (UNEP/GC.21/4) and draft decisions submitted by the Committee of Permanent Representatives (UNEP/GC.21/L.1);

(c) Under item 6 (Follow-up of General Assembly resolutions), a paper on UNEP participation in the work of GEF (UNEP/GC.21/INF/4) and a report on issues arising from the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth and fifty-fifth sessions specifically calling for action by UNEP (UNEP/GC.21/INF/2);

(d) Under item 7 (Linkages among and support to environmental and environment-related conventions), a report on global environmental governance and UNEP (UNEP/GC.21/4), a report on regional seas conventions and action plans (UNEP/GC.21/4/Add.1), a paper on the role of UNEP in the development of guidelines on compliance and enforcement of multilateral environmental agreements (UNEP/GC.21/INF/5), a progress report on managing global water resources (UNEP/GC.21/INF/6), an information note on a resolution adopted by the high-level Government-designated experts meeting of the proposed North-east Pacific regional seas programme (UNEP/GC.21/INF/11), the report of the third global meeting of regional seas conventions and action plans (UNEP/GC.21/INF/14), a report on the harmonization of national reporting (UNEP/GC.21/INF/19) and draft decisions submitted by the Committee of Permanent Representatives (UNEP/GC.21/L.1).

3. Introducing the items, the Executive Director said that for the international community to move forward to achieve sustainable development, urgent efforts in international cooperation were needed to integrate environmental governance and the important roles to be played by all – Governments, the United Nations, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, civil society and the private sector. In its resolution 53/242 the General Assembly had expressed its support for the proposal of the Secretary-General regarding the establishment of the Environmental Management Group for the purpose of enhancing inter-agency cooperation in the field of the environment and human settlements and it was expected that the Group would facilitate the discharge of UNEP mandate to integrate the environmental dimension of sustainable development into United Nations programmes. The United Nations Millennium Declaration had called for the adoption of a new ethic of conservation and stewardship in all environmental actions. UNEP looked to Governments to provide it with further guidance in its task through the Governing Council and the Committee of Permanent Representatives.

4. At the 5th and 6th plenary meetings of the session, held on 7 February 2001, the Council heard statements from representatives of Australia, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, China, Egypt, Holy See, Indonesia, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Mauritius, Mozambique, Nepal, Niger,

Norway, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Switzerland, Sweden (on behalf of the European Union), United Republic of Tanzania, Uganda, United States of America and Yemen.

### III. OUTCOME OF THE FIRST GLOBAL MINISTERIAL ENVIRONMENT FORUM SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

5. The Council also heard statements from representatives of UNDP, IMO, ECA, ECLAC, the secretariat of the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat and the South Asia Cooperative Environment Programme.

6. Agenda item 5 was taken up by the Council at its 4th plenary meeting on 6 February 2001.

7. Introducing the item, the Executive Director pointed out that UNEP continued to undertake actions regarding the critical environmental issues highlighted in the Malmö Ministerial Declaration. He drew attention, to the development and implementation of environmental law which has been one of the priority areas of UNEP since its inception. He also said that UNEP would strengthen its cooperation with non-governmental and civil society organizations by mainstreaming civil society involvement into its activities. UNEP, in collaboration with relevant partners, had been actively addressing the environmental threats identified in the Malmö Ministerial Declaration.

8. Following that introduction, the Council heard statements from the representatives of Algeria, China, Czech Republic, Gambia, Iraq, Kenya, Mongolia, New Zealand Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Turkey and Yugoslavia. Statements were also heard from representatives of the European Commission and a non-governmental organization, Environment Liaison Centre International.

### IV. FOLLOW-UP OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS

9. Agenda item 6 was taken up by the Council at its 5th and 6th plenary meetings, on 7 February 2001.

10. The item was introduced by the Executive Director in conjunction with items 4 (c), 4 (d) and 7.

11. Following the introduction by the Executive Director, the Council heard statements under the item by the representatives of Australia, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, China, Egypt, Holy See,

Indonesia, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Mauritius, Mozambique, Nepal, Niger, Norway, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Switzerland, Sweden (on behalf of the European Union), United Republic of Tanzania, Uganda, United States of America and Yemen.

12. The Council also heard statements from representatives of the UNDP, IMO, ECA, ECLAC, the secretariat of the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat and the South Asia Cooperative Environment Programme.

#### V. LINKAGES AMONG AND SUPPORT TO ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENVIRONMENT - RELATED CONVENTIONS

13. Agenda item 7 was taken up by the Council jointly with items 4 (c), 4 (d) and 6 at its 5th and 6th plenary meetings, on 7 February 2001.

14. The item was introduced by the Executive Director concurrently with items 4 (c), 4 (d) and 6.

15. Following the introduction by the Executive Director, the Council heard statements under the item by the representatives of Australia, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, China, Egypt, Holy See, Indonesia, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Mauritius, Mozambique, Nepal, Niger, Norway, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Switzerland, Sweden (on behalf of the European Union), United Republic of Tanzania, Uganda, United States of America and Yemen.

16. The Council also heard statements from representatives of UNDP, IMO, ECA, ECLAC, the secretariat of the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat and the South Asia Cooperative Environment Programme.

#### VI. CONTRIBUTION TO FUTURE SESSIONS OF THE COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

17. Agenda item 8 was taken up by the Council at its 2nd, 3rd and 4th plenary meetings, on 5 and 6 February 2001.

18. The item was introduced by the Executive Director jointly with items 4 (a), 4 (b) and 5.

19. Following the introduction by the Executive Director, the Council heard statements under the item by the representatives of Barbados, Botswana, Canada, China, Cuba, Finland (on behalf of the Arctic Council), India (on behalf of Group of 77), Indonesia, Iraq, Israel, Japan, Kenya, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malawi, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Norway, Palestine, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Sweden (on behalf of European Union) Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic and Zambia.

G. Report of the ministerial consultations

20. The report of the ministerial consultations, held on 8 and 9 February 2001, is contained in annex xx to the present proceedings.

H. Report of the Committee of the Whole

21. The Committee of the Whole held xx meetings under the chairmanship of Mr. Janusz Radziejowski (Poland), Vice-President of the Council, from 5 to xx February 2001, to consider agenda item 9 (Programme, the Environment Fund and administrative and other budgetary matters), as allocated to it by the Council.

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VII. PROGRAMME, THE ENVIRONMENT FUND AND ADMINISTRATIVE AND OTHER  
BUDETARY MATTERS

22. As decided by the Council at the 1st plenary meeting of the session, agenda item 9 was taken up in the sessional Committee of the Whole.

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