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Item 2 (b) of the provisional agenda*

**Organization of the session: adoption of the agenda
and organization of work**

Annotated provisional agenda

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* UNEP/GC/24/1.

Item 1. Opening of the session

1. The twenty-fourth session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) will be opened at 10 a.m. on Monday, 5 February 2007, by the current President of the Council/Forum or, in his absence, by one of the other officers of the Council/Forum at its twenty-third session.

Item 2. Organization of the session

(a) Election of officers

2. The Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum elects its officers at the beginning of each regular session, in accordance with rule 18 of its rules of procedure. An explanation of the geographical composition of the Bureau from 1989 to 2007 was distributed together with the notification of the twenty-fourth session on 8 November 2006.

3. In keeping with a decision taken by the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum at its twenty-third session, the twenty-fourth session will be held over five days, from 5 to 9 February 2007. Informal consultations in regional groups will be held on Sunday, 4 February 2007, the day before the opening of the session.

4. The provisional agenda for the session (UNEP/GC/24/1), as approved by the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum at its twenty-third session, was distributed together with the notification of the session. The provisional timetable of meetings of the session, as recommended by the Executive Director of UNEP, is contained in the annex to the present document. The status of preparedness of documents before the Council/Forum is found in document UNEP/GC/24/INF/1.

(b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

5. The Executive Director recommends that the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum, at its plenary meeting on the morning of Monday, 5 February, elect its officers and adopt the agenda and organization of work for the session. The Executive Director also recommends that the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum at the opening plenary meeting establish sessional committees, including a committee of the whole.

6. During this meeting, the Executive Director will present his policy statement, as contained in document UNEP/GC/24/2.

7. Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 53/242 of 28 July 1999, the Governing Council constitutes an annual ministerial-level global environmental forum to review important and emerging policy issues in the field of the environment. In view of this mandate, the Executive Director recommends that the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum meet in the form of ministerial-level consultations, beginning on the late morning of Monday, 5 February, with meetings continuing through the morning of Thursday, 8 February 2007.

8. In order to set the scene for policy dialogue on important and emerging policy issues, the Executive Director recommends that the ministerial-level discussions focus on globalization and the environment, and also the United Nations reform, under agenda item 4 (b) (Emerging policy issues). Discussion papers prepared by the Executive Director on these themes are before the Council/Forum to provide background information and stimulate the discussions by the ministers and the heads of delegations. The GEO Yearbook (document UNEP/GC/24/INF/2) provides the relevant information on the theme of globalization and the environment.

9. As regards the format of the ministerial consultations, it is recommended that a number of innovative and more interactive elements be introduced. This would involve a mix of panels, roundtables and plenary sessions to provide ministers and heads of delegations with opportunities for substantive debates and more direct interaction. It is envisaged that ministers will be joined by a small number of high-level guests such as heads of United Nations agencies, ministers from other sectors and business and civil society leaders.

10. The Executive Director further recommends that these issues be taken up during the ministerial-level consultations as follows: on the afternoon of Monday, 5 February, through the afternoon of Tuesday, 6 February, globalization and the environment will be discussed in break-out groups; on the morning and afternoon of Wednesday, 7 February, United Nations reform will be discussed also in break-out groups; on the morning of Thursday, 8 February, the plenary meeting of the

ministerial-level consultations will hear two synthesis reports on globalization and the environment, and on United Nations reform, reflecting the discussions by each of the break-out groups on each of the themes.

11. The Executive Director also recommends that the Council/Forum meeting in plenary on the afternoon of Thursday, 8 February, should continue its consideration of the outcome of the ministerial-level consultations and relevant draft decisions, while at its meeting on the morning of Friday, 9 February, it should consider the report of the President on the outcome of the ministerial-level consultations, the report of the Committee of the Whole and the relevant draft decisions. In this connection, the attention of the Council/Forum is drawn to the draft decisions prepared by the Committee of Permanent Representatives to UNEP, as contained in document UNEP/GC/24/L.1. These draft decisions are submitted in keeping with the mandate of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to UNEP as stipulated by decision 19/32 of 4 April 1997.

12. In addition, the Executive Director recommends that items 3 (Credentials of representatives); 9 (Other matters); 10 (Adoption of the report); and 11 (Closure of the session) be considered during the plenary meeting on the afternoon of Friday, 9 February 2007.

13. The Committee of the Whole will elect its own officers in accordance with rule 61 of the rules of procedure, with the exception of its Chair. In the past, the Council/Forum has designated one of its vice-presidents as the Chair of the Committee of the Whole.

14. The Executive Director recommends that the Committee of the Whole address the following items of the provisional agenda: 4 (Policy issues: state of the environment; coordination and cooperation with the United Nations system on environmental matters; coordination and cooperation with civil society; international environmental governance; water policy and strategy); 5 (Follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development: contribution of the United Nations Environment Programme to the forthcoming session of the Commission on Sustainable Development); 6 (Implementation of the programme of work of the United Nations Environment Programme and the relevant decisions of the Governing Council); 7 (Budget and programme of work for the biennium 2008–2009, the Environment Fund and administrative and other budgetary matters); 8 (Provisional agenda, date and venue of future sessions of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum: tenth special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum; twenty-fifth session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum). It is envisaged that the Committee of the Whole will conclude its work at its afternoon meeting on Thursday, 8 February 2007, with the adoption of its report.

15. The proceedings of the Committee of the Whole will be conducted with simultaneous interpretation in the six official languages of the United Nations.

Documents
UNEP/GC/24/1 Provisional agenda
UNEP/GC/24/1/Add.1 Annotated provisional agenda
UNEP/GC/24/2 Policy statement by the Executive Director
UNEP/GC/24/11 Background paper for the ministerial-level consultations: globalization and environment: Discussion paper presented by the Executive Director
UNEP/GC/24/11/Add.1 Background paper for the ministerial-level consultations: report of the Secretary-General's High-level Panel on System-wide Coherence in the Areas of Development, Humanitarian Assistance and the Environment, and the Co-Chairs' summary of the informal consultative process on the institutional framework of the United Nations' environmental activities: Discussion paper presented by the Executive Director
UNEP/GC/24/INF/1 List of documents being submitted to the twenty-fourth session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GC/24/INF/2 GEO Yearbook 2007: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GC/24/L.1 Draft decisions prepared by the Committee of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Environment Programme

Item 3. Credentials of representatives

16. In accordance with rule 17 of the rules of procedure, the credentials of representatives at the twenty-fourth session of the Council will be examined by the Bureau, which will report thereon to the Council/Forum. It should be noted that, under rule 16, each member of the Council is to be represented by one accredited representative, who may be accompanied by alternate representatives and advisers.

Item 4. Policy issues

(a) State of the environment

17. The report of the Executive Director on the state of the environment and contribution of UNEP to addressing substantive environmental challenges (UNEP/GC/24/10) addresses key aspects of the activities undertaken by UNEP while keeping under review the world environmental situation. The document also provides relevant information on the amendment of the Instrument for the Establishment of the Restructured Global Environment Facility.

18. Under this agenda item, the Council/Forum will also have before it a report of the Executive Director on implementation of Governing Council decision 23/5 on small island developing States (UNEP/GC/24/5), which was prepared pursuant to paragraph 4 of decision 23/5, and another report of the Executive Director on chemicals management (UNEP/GC/24/7), prepared pursuant to paragraphs 5, 14, 22, 28 and 36 of Governing Council decision 23/9 and paragraph 8 of decision SS.IX/1 (on the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management).

19. Additional information in support of the consideration of this item by the Council/Forum is provided in various information documents (UNEP/GC/24/INF/2, UNEP/GC/24/INF/8, UNEP/GC/24/INF/12, UNEP/GC/24/INF/15, UNEP/GC/24/INF/16, UNEP/GC/24/INF/17 and UNEP/GC/24/INF/21).

20. The note by the Executive Director (UNEP/GC/24/INF/3) highlights relevant resolutions of the General Assembly at its sixty-first session as these relate to the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum. The Council/Forum may wish to take note of the issues emanating from the General Assembly. The note by the Executive Director (UNEP/GC/24/INF/4) contains report of the work of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Environment Programme, as the subsidiary organ of the Council.

Documents
UNEP/GC/24/5 Implementation of decision 23/5 on small island developing States: Report of the Executive Director
UNEP/GC/24/7 Chemicals management: Report of the Executive Director
UNEP/GC/24/10 State of the environment and contribution of the United Nations Environment Programme to addressing substantive environmental challenges: Report of the Executive Director
UNEP/GC/24/INF/2 GEO Yearbook 2007: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GC/24/INF/3 Issues arising from the resolutions of the General Assembly at its sixty-first session that are of specific relevance to the work of the United Nations Environment Programme: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GC/24/INF/4 Report on the work of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Environment Programme: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GC/24/INF/8 Changes to the status of ratification of and accession to conventions and protocols in the field of the environment: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GC/24/INF/12 An overview of regional and national environmental information networks: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GC/24/INF/15 Initial activities and planning in support of the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GC/24/INF/16 Interim reviews of scientific information on lead and cadmium: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GC/24/INF/17 Status report on partnerships as one approach to reducing the risks to human health and the environment from the release of mercury and its compounds into the environment and report on supply, trade and demand information on mercury: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GC/24/INF/21 Outcome of regional meetings on the implementation of the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GC/24/INF/22 Voluntary indicative scale of contributions: assessment of the extended pilot phase: Note by the Executive Director

(b) Emerging policy issues

21. Documents UNEP/GC/24/11 and Add.1 provide background information to stimulate discussion on the themes of globalization and the environment, and on United Nations reform, respectively. The attention of the Council/Forum is also drawn to document UNEP/GC/24/INF/2.

22. Following the discussion undertaken during the plenary meeting of the ninth special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum (UNEP/GCSS.IX/11, paragraph 50), subsequent discussions have been continuing within the secretariat and with Governments on modalities to improve the organization of the ministerial-level consultations of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum. The note by the Executive Director (UNEP/GC/24/INF/20) provides the relevant information on this matter.

Documents
UNEP/GC/24/11 Background paper for the ministerial-level consultations: globalization and environment: Discussion paper presented by the Executive Director
UNEP/GC/24/11/Add.1 Background paper for the ministerial-level consultations: report of the Secretary-General's High-level Panel on System-wide Coherence in the Areas of Development, Humanitarian Assistance and the Environment, and the Co-Chairs' summary of the informal consultative process on the institutional framework of the United Nations' environmental activities: discussion paper presented by the Executive Director
UNEP/GC/24/INF/2 GEO Yearbook 2007: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GC/24/INF/20 Improving the organization of ministerial consultations of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum: Note by the Executive Director

(c) Coordination and cooperation with the United Nations system on environmental matters

23. The report of the Executive Director (UNEP/GC/24/10) and the note by the Executive Director (UNEP/GC/24/INF/13) contain relevant information on the amendment to the Instrument for the Establishment of the Restructured Global Environment Facility. The Council may wish to take action on this matter, in view of the fact that UNEP is one of the implementing agencies of the Global Environment Facility.

24. The notes by the Executive Director (UNEP/GC/24/INF/9, UNEP/GC/24/INF/14, and UNEP/GC/24/INF/19) provide information on the activities of UNEP in coordination and cooperation with the various bodies of the United Nations system.

Documents
UNEP/GC/24/10 State of the environment and contribution of the United Nations Environment Programme to addressing substantive environmental challenges: Report of the Executive Director
UNEP/GC/24/INF/9 Memorandum of understanding concerning cooperation between the United Nations Environment Programme and other organizations of the United Nations system: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GC/24/INF/13 Amendment to the Instrument for the Establishment of the Restructured Global Environment Facility: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GC/24/INF/14 Joint progress report of the Executive Directors of the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Human Settlements Programme
UNEP/GC/24/INF/19 Cooperation between the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Development Programme: Note by the Executive Director

(d) Coordination and cooperation with civil society

25. Pursuant to decision SS.VII/5, the Global Civil Society Forum will be held in Nairobi from 3 to 4 February 2007, immediately prior to the twenty-fourth session of the Council/Forum, to provide inputs to ministers and heads of delegations from the perspective of civil society on the themes addressed by the Council/Forum. Regional consultative processes have been undertaken in the six regions prior to the Global Civil Society Forum. The notes of the Executive Director (UNEP/GC/24/INF/10 and Add. 1–6) contain the global civil society statement and regional civil society statements resulting from these regional consultative processes.

26. The report of the Executive Director (UNEP/GC/24/8) contains information on the progress of implementation of decision 23/11 on gender equality in the field of the environment.

Documents
UNEP/GC/24/8 Progress report on the implementation of decision 23/11 on gender equality in the field of the environment: Report of the Executive Director
UNEP/GC/24/INF/10 Global civil society statement to the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum at its twenty-fourth session: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GC/24/INF/10/Add.1 African regional civil society statement to the Global Civil Society Forum at its eighth session and the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum at its twenty-fourth session: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GC/24/INF/10/Add.2 Asian regional civil society statement to the Global Civil Society Forum at its eighth session and the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum at its twenty-fourth session: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GC/24/INF/10/Add.3 European regional civil society statement to the Global Civil Society Forum at its eighth session and the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum at its twenty-fourth session: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GC/24/INF/10/Add.4 Latin American and the Caribbean regional civil society statement to the Global Civil Society Forum at its eighth session and the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum at its twenty-fourth session: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GC/24/INF/10/Add.5 North American regional civil society statement to the Global Civil Society Forum at its eighth session and the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum at its twenty-fourth session: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GC/24/INF/10/Add.6 West Asian regional civil society statement to the Global Civil Society Forum at its eighth session and the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum at its twenty-fourth session: Note by the Executive Director

(e) International environmental governance

27. Pursuant to paragraph 6 and section II of decision 23/1 on international environmental governance, the report of the Executive Director (UNEP/GC/24/3) provides information on follow-up activities to decision 23/1. Documents UNEP/GC/24/3/Add.1 and Add.2 detail the implementation of the Bali Strategic Plan for Technology Support and Capacity-building, and the strengthening of the scientific base of UNEP.

28. The note by the Executive Director (UNEP/GC/24/INF/19) provides information on the activities of UNEP in the area of poverty and the environment, as it relates to the cooperation of UNEP with UNDP. The notes of the Executive Director (UNEP/GC/24/INF/22 and UNEP/GC/24/INF/23) also provide relevant information under this agenda item.

Documents
UNEP/GC/24/3 International environmental governance: Report of the Executive Director
UNEP/GC/24/3/Add.1 International environmental governance: Implementation of the Bali Strategic Plan for Technology Support and Capacity-building: Report of the Executive Director
UNEP/GC/24/3/Add.2 International environmental governance: Strengthening the scientific base of the United Nations Environment Programme: the Environment Watch Strategy: Vision 2020: Report of the Executive Director
UNEP/GC/24/INF/19 Cooperation between the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Development Programme: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GC/24/INF/22 Voluntary indicative scale of contributions: assessment of the extended pilot phase: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GC/24/INF/23 Compliance with and enforcement of multilateral environmental agreements: Note by the Executive Director

(f) Water policy and strategy

29. The report of the Executive Director on the water policy and strategy (UNEP/GC/24/4) provides information on the progress of the implementation of Governing Council decision 23/2, while its addendum (UNEP/GC/24/4/Add.1) contains the updated water policy and strategy of UNEP, which has resulted from consultations with Governments and other partners, prior to the submission of the document to the twenty-fourth session of the Council/Forum, pursuant to paragraph 7 of decision 23/2.

30. The note by the Executive Director (UNEP/GC/24/INF/18) provides information on the draft programme of work of the UNEP Global Programme of Action Coordination Office for the period 2007–2011.

Documents
UNEP/GC/24/4 Updated water policy and strategy of the United Nations Environment Programme: progress report on the implementation of decision 23/2: Report of the Executive Director
UNEP/GC/24/4/Add.1 Updated water policy and strategy of the United Nations Environment Programme: Report of the Executive Director
UNEP/GC/24/INF/18: Addenda to the draft programme of work of the United Nations Environment Programme Global Programme of Action Coordination Office for the period 2007–2011: Note by the Executive Director

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31. The reports of the Executive Director (UNEP/GC/24/5, UNEP/GC/24/6 and UNEP/GC/24/7) provide information on the activities of UNEP following up on the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development in the areas of small island developing States, procurement practices of UNEP and chemicals management. These reports are being submitted pursuant to paragraph 4 of decision 23/5 on small island developing States; paragraphs 2 and 3 of decision 23/8 on environmental and equity considerations in the procurement practices of the United Nations Environment Programme; and paragraphs 5, 14, 22, 28 and 36 of decision 23/9 on chemicals management and paragraph 8 of decision SS.IX/1 on the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management. The notes of the Executive Director (UNEP/GC/24/INF/15 and UNEP/GC/24/INF/21) provide additional information on implementation of the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management.

Documents
UNEP/GC/24/5 Implementation of decision 23/5 on small island developing States: Report of the Executive Director
UNEP/GC/24/6 Environmental and equity considerations in the procurement practices of the United Nations Environment Programme, as well as environmental housekeeping: Report of the Executive Director
UNEP/GC/24/7 Chemicals management: Report of the Executive Director
UNEP/GC/24/INF/15: Initial activities and planning in support of the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management; Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GC/24/INF/21: Outcome of regional meetings on the implementation of the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management: Note by the Executive Director

Item 6. Implementation of the programme of work of the United Nations Environment Programme and the relevant decisions of the Governing Council

32. Under this agenda item, the Council/Forum will have before it five reports of the Executive Director providing information on the implementation of the programme of work and the relevant decisions of the Council (UNEP/GC/24/5, UNEP/GC/24/6, UNEP/GC/24/7, UNEP/GC/24/8 and UNEP/GC/24/10).

33. The following notes by the Executive Director provide additional information of relevance to this agenda item: UNEP/GC/24/INF/5, UNEP/GC/24/INF/8, UNEP/GC/24/INF/11, UNEP/GC/24/INF/13, UNEP/GC/24/INF/15, UNEP/GC/24/INF/16, UNEP/GC/24/INF/17, UNEP/GC/24/INF/19 and UNEP/GC/24/INF/21.

Documents
UNEP/GC/24/5 Implementation of decision 23/5 on small island developing States: Report of the Executive Director
UNEP/GC/24/6 Environmental and equity considerations in the procurement practices of the United Nations Environment Programme, as well as environmental housekeeping: Report of the Executive Director
UNEP/GC/24/7 Chemicals management: Report of the Executive Director
UNEP/GC/24/8 Progress report on the implementation of decision 23/11 on gender equality in the field of the environment: Report of the Executive Director
UNEP/GC/24/10 State of the environment and contribution of the United Nations Environment Programme to addressing substantive environmental challenges: Report of the Executive Director
UNEP/GC/24/INF/5 Status of implementation of decisions adopted by the Governing Council at its twenty-third session and its ninth special session: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GC/24/INF/8 Changes to the status of ratification of and accession to conventions and protocols in the field of the environment: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GC/24/INF/11 Responses to the recommendations of the Office of Internal Oversight on the activities of the Post Conflict Assessment Unit: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GC/24/INF/13: Amendment to the Instrument for the Establishment of the Restructured Global Environment Facility: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GC/24/INF/15: Initial activities and planning in support of the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management; Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GC/24/INF/16: Interim reviews of scientific information on lead and cadmium: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GC/24/INF/17: Status report on partnerships as one approach to reducing the risks to human health and the environment from the release of mercury and its compounds into the environment and report on supply, trade and demand information on mercury: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GC/24/INF/19 Cooperation between the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Development Programme: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GC/24/INF/21: Outcome of regional meetings on the implementation of the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management: Note by the Executive Director

Item 7. Budget and programme of work for the biennium 2008–2009, the Environment Fund and administrative and other budgetary matters

34. Pursuant to paragraph 30 of decision 23/3 on the UNEP budget and programme of work for the biennium 2006–2007, the report of the Executive Director containing the proposed biennial programme and support budget for 2008–2009 is provided in document UNEP/GC/24/9. The comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the proposed budget are provided in document UNEP/GC/24/9/Add.1. The report of the Executive Director on administrative and other budgetary matters (UNEP/GC/24/9/Add.2) discusses additional matters of relevance to this agenda item.

35. Documents UNEP/GC/24/INF/6 and UNEP/GC/24/INF/7 also provide information relevant to the Council/Forum's consideration of the proposed biennial programme and support budget for 2008–2009.

Documents
UNEP/GC/24/9 Environment Fund budgets: proposed biennial programme and support budget for 2008–2009: Report of the Executive Director
UNEP/GC/24/9/Add.1 Environment Fund budgets: proposed biennial programme and support budget for 2008–2009: Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions: Report of the Executive Director
UNEP/GC/24/9/Add.2 Environment Fund budgets: proposed biennial programme and support budget for 2008–2009: Administrative and other budgetary matters: Report of the Executive Director
UNEP/GC/24/INF/6 Status of the Environment Fund and other sources of funding of the United Nations Environment Programme, fourth quarter 2006: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GC/24/INF/7 Report of the Board of Auditors on the audit of the accounts of the Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme for the biennium ended 31 December 2005: Note by the Executive Director

Item 8. Provisional agenda, date and venue of future sessions of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum

- (a) **Tenth special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum**
- (b) **Twenty-fifth session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum**

36. In keeping with paragraph 1 (g) of Governing Council decision 20/17 on the establishment of the Global Ministerial Environment Forum and paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 53/242 on environment and human settlements, the Executive Director recommends, in accordance with rules 5 and 9 of the rules of procedure of the Governing Council, a provisional agenda, date and venue for the convening of the tenth special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum and the twenty-fifth session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum. The Council/Forum may wish to consider and decide on these matters.

Item 9. Other matters

37. The Council/Forum may wish to consider any other matters raised by its members and observers.

Item 10. Adoption of the report

38. The Council/Forum may wish to consider and adopt its report.

Item 11. Closure of the session

39. It is expected that the Council/Forum will conclude its work by 6 p.m. on Friday, 9 February 2007.

Annex

Provisional timetable of meetings and events

Saturday, 3 February–Sunday, 4 February 2007

Pre-session event
Eighth session of the Global Civil Society Forum
[Venue and time to be determined]

Sunday, 4 February 2007

Afternoon

Meeting of Global Civil Society Forum representatives and the Bureau
A meeting will take place between the Bureau of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum and the representatives at the eighth session of the Global Civil Society Forum.
Informal consultation with regional groups
3–4 p.m. Conference room
[venue to be decided]
Meetings of the regional groups
Each of the regional groups will hold group meetings at a date and time agreed by the respective groups.

Early afternoon and evening

Meeting of the Bureau of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum¹
[venue to be decided]

¹ Thereafter, the Governing Council Bureau will meet every morning before meetings start (time and venue to be identified), with the exception of Monday, 5 February 2007.

Monday, 5 February 2007

Breakfast meeting of the Executive Director with moderators and rapporteurs	
[time and venue to be decided]	
Plenary 10 a.m. – 11.15 a.m. Conference Room 2	
Opening of the Council/Forum [Nature of cultural/visual aspects of the opening to be decided]	
Item 1: Opening of the session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Welcoming and introductory remarks by Mr. Rachmat Witoelar, State Minister for the Environment of Indonesia and President of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum ▪ Remarks by the representative of the Government of Kenya ▪ Message by the United Nations Secretary-General ▪ Statement by Ms. Anna Tibajuka, Executive Director of UN-Habitat ▪ Key note address [to be decided] ▪ Policy statement of Mr. Achim Steiner, Executive Director of UNEP <p style="text-align: center;">– short break –</p>	
Item 2: Organization of the session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Election of officers (b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work² 	
Ministerial consultations 11.30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Conference Room 1	Committee of the Whole 11.30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Conference Room 2
Item 4: Policy issues (b) Emerging policy issues General organizational aspects of the plenary in the form of the Ministerial Consultations. It is recommended that civil society leaders be accommodated in all of the ministerial consultations.	Introductory statements by the secretariat Organization of the work of the Committee Election of the rapporteur Item 4: Policy issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) State of the environment (c) Coordination and cooperation with the United Nations system on environmental matters (d) Coordination and cooperation with civil society (e) International environmental governance (f) Water policy and strategy Item 5: Follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development: contribution of the United Nations Environment Programme to the forthcoming session of the Commission on Sustainable Development

² Under item 2 (b) of the provisional agenda, the plenary will consider the establishment of sessional committees, i.e., a Committee of the Whole and a drafting group. The Council/Forum will elect chairs of the sessional committees at this plenary meeting.

<p>Press conference</p> <p>1 p.m. – 2 p.m. Press centre</p> <p>[To be confirmed]</p>
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<p>Ministerial Consultations</p> <p>3 p.m. – 7 p.m. [venues to be decided]</p>	<p>Committee of the Whole</p> <p>3 p.m. – 6 p.m. Conference room 2</p>
<p>Item 4: Policy issues:</p> <p>(b) Emerging policy issues</p> <p>Theme: Globalization and the environment</p> <p>Keynote speakers [to be identified]</p> <p>Organizational and introductory statements by the secretariat in support of the policy dialogue</p> <p>Moderators: from the North and the South [to be identified]</p> <p>Discussions in breakout groups</p> <p>Reports of the rapporteurs of the breakout groups</p>	<p>Item 4: Policy issues:</p> <p>(a) State of the environment</p> <p>(c) Coordination and cooperation with the United Nations system on environmental matters</p> <p>(d) Coordination and cooperation with civil society</p> <p>(e) International environmental governance</p> <p>(f) Water policy and strategy</p> <p>Item 5: Follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development: contribution of the United Nations Environment Programme to the forthcoming session of the Commission on Sustainable Development</p> <p>Introductory statements by the secretariat</p>

Evening

<p>Social event</p> <p>[Time and venue to be determined]</p> <p>Reception hosted by the President of the Governing Council and the Executive Director</p>

Tuesday, 6 February 2007

Ministerial consultations 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. [venues to be decided]	Committee of the Whole 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Conference Room 2
<p>Item 4: Policy issues:</p> <p>(b) Emerging policy issues</p> <p>Theme: Globalization and the environment</p> <p>Keynote speakers [to be identified]</p> <p>Discussions in breakout groups</p> <p>Reports of the rapporteurs of breakout groups</p>	<p>Item 4: Policy issues:</p> <p>(a) State of the environment</p> <p>(c) Coordination and cooperation with the United Nations system on environmental matters</p> <p>(d) Coordination and cooperation with civil society</p> <p>(e) International environmental governance</p> <p>(f) Water policy and strategy</p> <p>Item 7: Budget and programme of work for the biennium 2008–2009, the Environment Fund and administrative and other budgetary matters</p>

Ministerial consultations 3 p.m. – 7 p.m. [venues to be decided]	Committee of the Whole 3-6 p.m. Conference Room 2
<p>Item 4: Policy issues:</p> <p>(b) Emerging policy issues</p> <p>Theme: Globalization and the environment</p> <p>Keynote speakers [to be identified]</p> <p>Discussions in breakout groups</p> <p>Reports of the rapporteurs of the breakout groups</p>	<p>Item 4: Policy issues:</p> <p>(a) State of the environment</p> <p>(c) Coordination and cooperation with the United Nations system on environmental matters</p> <p>(d) Coordination and cooperation with civil society</p> <p>(e) International environmental governance</p> <p>(f) Water policy and strategy</p> <p>Item 7: Budget and programme of work for the biennium 2008–2009 and the Environment Fund and administrative and other budgetary matters</p>

Evening

Social event [To be confirmed]
Reception hosted by the Government of Kenya

Wednesday, 7 February 2007

Ministerial consultations 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Committee of the Whole 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Conference Room 2
<p>Item 4: Policy issues:</p> <p>(b) Emerging policy issues</p> <p>Theme: United Nations reform</p> <p>Keynote speakers [to be identified]</p> <p>Organizational and introductory statements by the secretariat in support of the policy dialogue</p> <p>Moderators: from the North and the South [to be identified]</p> <p>Discussions in breakout groups</p> <p>Reports of the rapporteurs of the breakout groups</p>	<p>Item 4: Policy issues:</p> <p>(a) State of the environment</p> <p>(c) Coordination and cooperation with the United Nations system on environmental matters</p> <p>(d) Coordination and cooperation with civil society</p> <p>(e) International environmental governance</p> <p>(f) Water policy and strategy</p> <p>Item 7: Budget and programme of work for the biennium 2008–2009, the Environment Fund and administrative and other budgetary matters</p>

Ministerial consultations 3 p.m. – 7 p.m. Conference Room 1	Committee of the Whole 3 p.m. – 6 p.m. Conference Room 2
<p>Item 4: Policy issues:</p> <p>(b) Emerging policy issues</p> <p>Theme: United Nations reform</p> <p>Discussions in breakout Groups</p> <p>Reports of the rapporteurs of the breakout groups</p>	<p>Item 4: Policy issues:</p> <p>(a) State of the environment</p> <p>(c) Coordination and cooperation with the United Nations system on environmental matters</p> <p>(d) Coordination and cooperation with civil society</p> <p>(e) International environmental governance</p> <p>(f) Water policy and strategy</p> <p>Item 7: Budget and programme of work for the biennium 2008–2009, the Environment Fund and administrative and other budgetary matters</p>

Meeting of moderators and rapporteurs of the ministerial consultations 7 p.m. – 8.30 p.m.
Moderators and rapporteurs of each of the ministerial breakout groups will meet to prepare a single summary report on each of the themes under discussion.

Night session/ministerial working dinner 8 p.m. – 10 p.m. [venue to be decided]
Suggested theme: Globalization and the environment in a reformed United Nations

Thursday, 8 February 2007

Plenary meeting of ministerial consultations 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Conference Room 1	Committee of the Whole 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Conference Room 2
<p>Item 4: Policy issues:</p> <p>(b) Emerging policy issues</p> <p>Presentation of two reports from the breakout groups on globalization and United Nations reform</p> <p>Consideration of the outcome of the ministerial consultations and recommendations to UNEP</p>	<p>Item 5: Follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development: contribution of the United Nations Environment Programme to the forthcoming session of the Commission on Sustainable Development</p> <p>Item 6: Implementation of the programme of work of the United Nations Environment Programme and the relevant decisions of the Governing Council</p> <p>Item 7: Budget and programme of work for the biennium 2008–2009, the Environment Fund and administrative and other budgetary matters</p>

Plenary 3 p.m. – 6 p.m. Conference Room 1	Committee of the Whole 3 p.m. – 6 p.m. Conference Room 2
<p>Item 4: Policy issues:</p> <p>(a) State of the environment</p> <p>(b) Emerging policy issues</p> <p>(c) Coordination and cooperation with the United Nations system on environmental matters</p> <p>(d) Coordination and cooperation with civil society</p> <p>(e) International environmental governance</p> <p>(f) Water policy and strategy</p> <p>Consideration of draft decisions</p>	<p>Item 6: Implementation of the programme of work of the United Nations Environment Programme and the relevant decisions of the Governing Council</p> <p>Item 7: Budget and programme of work for the biennium 2008–2009, the Environment Fund and administrative and other budgetary matters</p> <p>Item 8: Provisional agenda, date and venue of future sessions of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum:</p> <p>(a) Tenth special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum</p> <p>(b) Twenty-fifth session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum</p> <p>Adoption of the report of the Committee and conclusion of its work</p>

Friday, 9 February 2007

Plenary

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Conference Room 2

Report of the President on the outcome of the ministerial consultations

Adoption of the report of the Committee of the Whole

Adoption of decisions

Press conference

1 p.m. – 2 p.m. Press Centre

[To be confirmed]

Plenary

3 p.m. – 6 p.m. Conference Room 2

Item 3: Credentials of representatives

Item 9: Other matters

Item 10: Adoption of the report

Item 11: Closure of the session

Closing ceremony

[Nature of ceremony to be decided]

Saturday, 10 February 2007

Morning and afternoon

Field excursion

Naivasha flower farm in the morning and Hells Gate national park in the afternoon [suggested]
