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ПРОГРАММА ОРГАНИЗАЦИИ ОБЪЕДИНЕННЫХ НАЦИЙ ПО ОКРУЖАЮЩЕЙ СРЕДЕ

Our Reference: SGB/BAM

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## NOTIFICATION BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### **Eighth special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum (Jeju, Republic of Korea, 29-31 March 2004)**

1. The eighth special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) will be held at the International Convention Center Jeju, Republic of Korea, from 29 to 31 March 2004. The session/forum will open at 10 a.m. on Monday, 29 March 2004. The session/forum is being convened in pursuance of decision 22/14 adopted by the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum at its twenty-second session, in February 2003.
2. The provisional agenda (UNEP/GCSS.VIII/1) as adopted by the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum at its twenty-second session is being circulated with the present notification. The annotated provisional agenda (UNEP/GCSS.VIII/1/Add.1), containing the Executive Director's suggestions concerning the organization of work of the session/forum and a proposed provisional timetable of meetings, and also the working and information documents for the session/forum, will be circulated six weeks advance of the session/forum.
3. The policy dialogue at this, our fifth, Global Ministerial Environment Forum will focus on the environmental dimension of the thematic cluster of water, sanitation and human settlements together with its cross-cutting issues, as agreed at its eleventh session by the Commission on Sustainable Development for its multi-year programme of work for the period 2004-2005. The session/forum will also consider progress reports whose preparation was requested at the seventh special session and the twenty-second regular session of the Governing Council in the following decisions: decision SS.VII/1 (International environmental governance), appendix, paragraph 23; decision 22/1 I A (Strengthening the scientific base of UNEP), paragraphs 4 and 5; decision 22/1 II (Global assessment of the state of the marine environment), paragraph 4; decision 22/4 IV (Strategic approach to international chemicals management), paragraph 9; decision 22/6 (Promotion of sustainable consumption and production patterns), paragraph 8; decision 22/13 (Small island developing States), paragraph 5; decision 22/17 I (Follow-up to General Assembly resolution 57/251 on the report of the seventh

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special session of the United Nations Environment Programme Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum), paragraphs 2, 6 and 7; decision 22/20 (Environment Fund budget: proposed biennial programme and support budget for 2004-2005), paragraphs 8 and 31; and decision 22/21 (Regional implementation of the programme of work of the United Nations Environment Programme), paragraph 7, as well as decision 22/24, paragraphs 1 and 2 on the provisional agenda, date and place of the session/forum.

4. It is recommended that the session/forum should conduct its work in plenary meetings and hold its discussions primarily through Ministerial-level consultations. The session/forum, if it so chooses, may establish sessional committees, including a Committee of the Whole, to address programmatic, administrative and budgetary matters.

5. The attention of Governments is drawn to the fifth Global Civil Society Forum, which will be held on Saturday and Sunday 27 and 28 March 2004, prior to the session/forum. The informal consultations between regional groups preceding the session/forum will take place on Sunday, 28 March 2004 at 3 p.m.

6. A list of the States which are members of the Governing Council in 2004 is provided in annex I to the present notification while the geographical composition of the Bureau of the UNEP Governing Council is given in annex II. Under rule 16 of the rules of procedure, an accredited representative, who may be accompanied by such alternate representatives and advisers as the delegations may require, shall represent each member of the Council. Since the session/forum is expected to discuss matters that have been considered by the Committee of Permanent Representatives to UNEP and in view of the role of the Committee of Permanent Representatives as a subsidiary organ of the Governing Council, Governments may wish to consider including their Permanent Representatives in their delegations.

7. States which are members of the Governing Council are accordingly requested to submit to the Executive Director by 5 February 2004 the names of their representatives, alternate representatives and advisers who will participate in the eighth special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum. Eligible States not members of the Governing Council wishing to participate in the work under rule 67 of the rules of procedure are also requested to communicate the names of their representatives to the Executive Director by 5 February 2004.

8. The documents for the eighth special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum will become available on the UNEP Internet web site as of 18 December 2003, and may be accessed by selecting [Eighth special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum](http://www.unep.org/gcss-8th) at the following address: <http://www.unep.org/gcss-8th>

9. Registration of participants will take place from noon on Friday, 26 March 2004 and will continue every day between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. until noon on Wednesday, 31 March 2004. Information for participants regarding hotel accommodation, medical requirements, visa regulations, etc. will be provided, together with registration forms, six weeks before the session/forum. This information will also be provided on the UNEP Internet web site.

10. All communications concerning the eighth special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum should be addressed to:

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## Annex I

### MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE PERIOD 2004-2007

#### A. Breakdown by alphabetical order (indicating terms of office)

Antigua and Barbuda *	Kenya *
Argentina *	Kyrgyzstan **
Bahamas **	Mexico **
Bangladesh **	Monaco **
Belgium *	Morocco **
Brazil **	Myanmar *
Bulgaria **	Namibia *
Burkina Faso **	Netherlands **
Cameroon **	Nicaragua *
Canada *	Nigeria *
Cape Verde **	Poland **
Chad *	Republic of Korea *
China *	Romania *
Colombia **	Russian Federation *
Congo *	Saudi Arabia **
Costa Rica **	Senegal **
Cuba *	Somalia **
Czech Republic *	Sudan *
France *	Sweden **
Germany *	Switzerland *
Ghana **	Syrian Arab Republic *
Greece *	Turkey **
Hungary **	Tuvalu **
India **	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland **
Indonesia *	United Republic of Tanzania **
Iran (Islamic Republic of) **	United States of America *
Israel **	Uruguay *
Japan *	Zambia *
Kazakhstan **	Zimbabwe *

\* Members whose terms expire on 31 December 2005.

\*\* Members whose terms expire on 31 December 2007.

## B. Breakdown by geographical groups (indicating terms of office)

### AFRICAN GROUP

Burkina Faso \*\*  
Cameroon \*\*  
Cape Verde \*\*  
Chad \*  
Congo \*  
Ghana \*\*  
Kenya \*  
Morocco \*\*  
Namibia \*  
Nigeria \*  
Senegal \*\*  
Somalia \*\*  
Sudan \*  
United Republic of Tanzania \*\*  
Zambia \*  
Zimbabwe \*

### LATIN AMERICAN GROUP

Antigua and Barbuda \*  
Argentina \*  
Bahamas \*\*  
Brazil \*\*  
Colombia \*\*  
Costa Rica \*\*  
Cuba \*  
Mexico \*\*  
Nicaragua \*  
Uruguay \*

### ASIAN GROUP

Bangladesh \*\*  
China \*  
India \*\*  
Indonesia \*  
Iran (Islamic Republic of) \*\*  
Japan \*  
Kazakhstan \*\*  
Kyrgyzstan \*\*  
Myanmar \*  
Republic of Korea \*  
Saudi Arabia \*\*  
Syrian Arab Republic \*  
Tuvalu \*\*

### WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHERS GROUP

Belgium \*  
Canada \*  
France \*  
Germany \*  
Greece \*  
Israel \*\*  
Monaco \*\*  
Netherlands \*\*  
Sweden \*\*  
Switzerland \*  
Turkey \*\*  
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland \*\*  
United States of America \*

### EASTERN EUROPEAN GROUP

Bulgaria \*\*  
Czech Republic \*  
Hungary \*\*  
Poland \*\*  
Romania \*  
Russian Federation \*

\* Members whose terms expire on 31 December 2005.

\*\* Members whose terms expire on 31 December 2007.

## Annex II

### GEOGRAPHICAL COMPOSITION OF THE BUREAU OF THE UNEP GOVERNING COUNCIL, 1981-2003

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	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1987	1989	1991	1993	1995	1997	1999	2001	2003
REGIONAL GROUP														
African Group	VP	VP	Rapp	Pres	VP	VP	VP	Rapp	Pres	VP	VP	VP	Rapp	Pres
Asian Group	VP	Rapp	VP	VP	Pres	VP	Rapp	VP	VP	Pres	VP	Rapp	VP	VP
Eastern European Group	VP	Pres	VP	Rapp	VP	VP	Pres	VP	Rapp	VP	VP	Pres	VP	Rapp
Latin America and the Caribbean Group	Pres	VP	VP	VP	Rapp	Pres	VP	VP	VP	Rapp	Pres	VP	VP	VP
Western European and Others Group	Rapp	VP	Pres	VP	VP	Rapp	VP	Pres	VP	VP	Rapp	VP	Pres	VP

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Note:        Pres -        President  
              VP -        Vice-President  
              Rapp -        Rapporteur