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**Eighth special session of the Governing Council/  
Global Ministerial Environment Forum**  
Jeju, Republic of Korea, 29-31 March 2004  
Item 2 of the provisional agenda\*

**Organization of the session**

**Annotated provisional agenda and organization of work**

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8. Other matters.
9. Adoption of the report.
10. Closure of the session.

\* UNEP/GCSS.VIII/1/Rev.1.

<sup>1</sup> See document UNEP/GSS.VIII/6, annex I.

## **Annotations**

### **1. Opening of the session**

1. The eighth special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum will be opened by the Acting President of the Council as designated by the Bureau of the Governing Council pursuant to rules 19 and 21 of the Council's rules of procedure. The session/forum will be held at the International Convention Centre, Jeju, Republic of Korea, and will begin at 10 a.m. on Monday, 29 March 2004. The Executive Director will hold informal regional consultations with regional groups on Sunday, 28 March 2004, beginning at 3 p.m.

### **2. Organization of the session**

#### **(a) Election of the President**

2. In accordance with rules 18, 19 and 21 of the rules of procedure of the Governing Council, the Council will elect a new President. This election is required as a result of the election conducted by the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session in November 2003, at which the State whose representative had been elected President of the Governing Council at its twenty-second session ceased to be a member of the Governing Council as of 1 January 2004. This resulted in a vacancy in the office of President, held by a representative of the group of African countries, under the present regional rotation. Notification of the election at the eighth special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum was communicated to all Governments by a letter of 22 February 2004 from the Acting President of the Council.

#### **(b) Adoption of the agenda**

3. The provisional agenda (UNEP/GCSS.VIII/1) for the eighth special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum, as approved by the Council at its twenty-second session, was distributed together with the notification of the session on 17 December 2003. The agenda was duly revised (UNEP/GCSS.VIII/1/Rev.1) and issued on 22 February 2004 to include new agenda subitem 2 (a) above, on the election of the President. The provisional timetable for meetings of the session/forum, as proposed by the Executive Director of UNEP in consultation with the Bureau of the Governing Council and the Committee of Permanent Representatives to UNEP, is contained in the annex to the present document.

#### **(c) Organization of the work of the session**

4. 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 that mandate, the Executive Director recommends that plenary meetings of the Council during the current session should take the form of ministerial-level consultations, beginning mid-morning on Monday, 29 March 2004, and continuing through the morning of Wednesday, 31 March 2004. The Executive Director also recommends that, on the afternoon of Wednesday, 31 March 2004, the Council/Forum should meet in its closing plenary meeting. It is further recommended that the Council/Forum, at its plenary meeting on the morning of Monday, 29 March 2004, should establish sessional committees, including a Committee of the Whole.

5. The Executive Director recommends that, under item 6 (Follow-up to the World Summit on Sustainable Development: contribution of the United Nations Environment Programme to the forthcoming session of the Commission on Sustainable Development) of the provisional agenda for the eighth special session (UNEP/GCSS.VIII/1/Rev.1), the plenary meetings in the form of the ministerial-level consultations should feature discussions on the theme: "Environmental dimensions of water, sanitation and human settlements", together with their cross-cutting issues, as agreed by the Commission on Sustainable Development at its eleventh session for its multi-year programme of work for the period 2004–2005.

6. The Executive Director recommends that the Committee of the Whole, if established, should meet from mid-morning of Monday, 29 March 2004 through to the afternoon of Tuesday, 30 March 2004. The Executive Director further recommends that the Committee of the Whole should consider provisional agenda items 4 (Assessment, monitoring and early warning: state of the environment), 5 (Outcomes of intergovernmental meetings of relevance to the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum) and 7 (International environmental governance: implementation of decisions of the seventh special session

of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum and the World Summit on Sustainable Development on the report of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Group of Ministers or Their Representatives on International Environmental Governance).

7. The Executive Director recommends that items 3 (Credentials of representatives), 8 (Other matters), 9 (Adoption of the report) and 10 (Closure of the session) of the provisional agenda should be considered at the plenary meeting on the afternoon of Wednesday, 31 March 2004.

8. The Executive Director will present his policy statement (UNEP/GCSS.VIII/7) during the opening plenary meeting on the morning of Monday, 29 March 2004.

<b>Documentation</b>	
UNEP/GCSS.VIII/1/Rev.1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/GCSS.VIII/1/Add.1	Annotated provisional agenda
UNEP/GCSS.VIII/2	State of the environment: Report by the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.VIII/3	Outcomes of major intergovernmental meetings of relevance to the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum: Report by the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.VIII/4	Background paper for the ministerial-level consultations: water, sanitation and human settlements: Discussion paper presented by the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.VIII/5	Overview of progress on international environmental governance: Report of the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.VIII/5/Add.1	Elements for an intergovernmental strategic plan on technology support and capacity-building: Report of the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.VIII/5/Add.2	Report of the work of the Environmental Management Group: Report by the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.VIII/5/Add.3	Synthesis of responses on strengthening the scientific base of UNEP: Report by the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.VIII/5/Add.4	Conclusions and recommendations of the intergovernmental consultation on strengthening the scientific base of UNEP: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.VIII/6	Progress report on the implementation of Governing Council decisions as called for by the twenty-second session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum: Report of the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.VIII/7	Policy statement by the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.VIII/INF/1	State of preparedness of documents: Note by the Executive Director

### 3. Credentials of representatives

9. In accordance with rule 17 of the rules of procedure, the credentials of representatives at the eighth special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum 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 Governing Council is to be represented by one accredited representative, who may be accompanied by alternate representatives and advisers.

**4. Assessment, monitoring and early warning: state of the environment**

10. The report of the Executive Director on the state of the environment (UNEP/GCSS.VIII/2) summarizes the state of the environment as it relates to UNEP activities in environmental assessment and early warning, thematic assessments, assessing the environmental contribution to development and the state of the environment in the regions. In keeping with the theme for the ministerial-level consultations, the document has a special focus on the state of the environment with respect to water. It also addresses issues specific to the region in which the Council/Forum is holding its session.

11. The Council/Forum will also have before it the progress report on the implementation of Governing Council decisions, as called for by the Council at its twenty-second session (UNEP/GCSS.VIII/6). The document reviews the progress made by UNEP with respect to the global assessment of the state of the marine environment, a strategic approach to international chemicals management and small island developing States. The document also contains information on progress achieved with the development of preliminary data for the regional annexes to the programme of work of UNEP for the biennium 2006-2007, and also information on the status of the Environment Fund as at 31 December 2003.

**Documentation**

UNEP/GCSS.VIII/2	State of the environment: Report by the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.VIII/6	Progress report on the implementation of Governing Council decisions as called for by the twenty-second session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum: Report of the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.VIII/INF/2	Global Environment Outlook yearbook 2004: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.VIII/INF/3	Prevention and control of dust and sandstorms in north-east Asia: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.VIII/INF/9	Execution of the budget of the United Nations Environment Programme in the biennium 2002-2003: Note by the Executive Director

**5. Outcomes of intergovernmental meetings of relevance to the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum**

12. The Council/Forum will have before it the report of the Executive Director on outcomes of major intergovernmental meetings of relevance to the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum (UNEP/GCSS.VIII/3). The document considers issues of relevance to the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum resulting from major global and regional intergovernmental meetings held between the conclusion of the twenty-second session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum in February 2003 and 31 December 2003. It also contains a summary of major intergovernmental meetings of relevance to the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum insofar as those relate to the development of a strategic approach to international chemicals management and the promotion of sustainable consumption and production patterns.

**Documentation**

UNEP/GCSS.VIII/3	Outcomes of major intergovernmental meetings of relevance to the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum: Report by the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.VIII/6	Progress report on the implementation of Governing Council decisions as called for by the twenty-second session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum: Report of the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.VIII/INF/7	Issues arising from the resolutions of the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session that are of significance for the work programme of the United Nations Environment Programme: Note by the Executive Director

**6. Follow-up to the World Summit on Sustainable Development: contribution of the United Nations Environment Programme to the forthcoming session of the Commission on Sustainable Development**

13. As a basis for discussion, and also to stimulate policy dialogue and highlight issues of concern to Governments to be addressed by ministers and heads of delegations during the ministerial-level consultations on the theme "Environmental dimensions of water, sanitation and human settlements", the Executive Director has provided a discussion paper on water, sanitation and human settlements (UNEP/GCSS.VIII/4). It should be noted that document UNEP/GCSS.VIII/6 also contains information on various programme areas of relevance to the follow-up to the World Summit on Sustainable Development. Information document UNEP/GCSS.VIII/INF/5 describes water-related activities of the United Nations system, while UNEP/GCSS.VIII/INF/10 contains the civil society statements from the African, Asian and Pacific, European, Latin American and Caribbean and North American regions conveying the results of the respective regional preparatory processes for the fifth Global Civil Society Forum, which is to be held prior to the eighth special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum. The addendum to that document (UNEP/GCSS.VIII/INF/10/Add.1) contains the regional civil society statement from the west Asian region.

**Documentation**

UNEP/GCSS.VIII/4	Background paper for the ministerial-level consultations: Water, sanitation and human settlements: Discussion paper presented by the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.VIII/6	Progress report on the implementation of Governing Council decisions as called for by the twenty-second session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum: Report of the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.VIII/INF/4	Financing wastewater collection and treatment in relation to the Millennium Development Goals and World Summit on Sustainable Development targets: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.VIII/INF/5	Addressing environmental aspects of the water agenda: activities of the United Nations system: contribution of the Environmental Management Group to the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum at its eighth special session and to the Commission on Sustainable Development at its twelfth session: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.VIII/INF/10/ and Add.1	Regional civil society statements submitted to the eighth special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum: Note by the Executive Director

**7. International environmental governance: implementation of decisions of the seventh special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum and the World Summit on Sustainable Development on the report of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Group of Ministers or Their Representatives on International Environmental Governance**

14. The Council/Forum will have before it the report of the Executive Director on progress made in the implementation of Governing Council decisions concerning international environmental governance (UNEP/GCSS.VIII/5). The document summarizes the actions undertaken with respect to international environmental governance as requested in decisions SS.VII/1 (International environmental governance) and 22/17 I (Follow-up to General Assembly resolution 57/251 on the report of the seventh special session of the United Nations Environment Programme Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum). The document also contains information on the implementation of Governing Council decision 22/1 I A on strengthening the scientific base of UNEP, as requested in paragraphs 4 and 5 of the decision, which is supplemented with additional detailed information on the synthesis of responses on strengthening the scientific base of UNEP and the report of the intergovernmental consultative process, as contained in documents UNEP/GCSS.VIII/5/Add.3 and Add.4, respectively. A possible framework of a future

intergovernmental strategic plan on technology support and capacity-building, as called for in paragraph 6 of decision 22/17 I, is provided in document UNEP/GCSS.VIII/5/Add.1. The report on the work of the Environmental Management Group may be found in document UNEP/GCSS.VIII/5/Add.2.

<b>Documentation</b>	
UNEP/GCSS.VIII/5	Overview of progress on international environmental governance: Report of the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.VIII/5/Add.1	Elements for an intergovernmental strategic plan on technology support and capacity building: Report of the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.VIII/5/Add.2	Report of the work of the Environmental Management Group: Report by the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.VIII/5/Add.3	Synthesis of responses on strengthening the scientific base of UNEP: Report by the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.VIII/5/Add.4	Conclusions and recommendations of the intergovernmental consultation on strengthening the scientific base of UNEP: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.VIII/INF/6	Synthesis of the views of Governments on the question of universal membership of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.VIII/INF/8	Strengthening the scientific base of UNEP: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.VIII/INF/11	Issue paper on the question of universal membership of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum: Note by the Executive Director

- 8. Other matters**
- 9. Adoption of the report**
- 10. Closure of the session**

**Annex**

**Eighth special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial  
Environment Forum, Jeju, 29–31 March 2004**

**Provisional timetable of meetings and events**

**Saturday, 27 March 2004**

**Morning–afternoon**

**9 a.m.–6 p.m., Samda Hall**  
Fifth Global Civil Society Forum

**9 a.m.–5.30 p.m., KAL Hotel, Jeju**  
Meeting on capacity-building for integrated policy development and implementation for sustainable  
development

**From 7 p.m.**  
Reception

**Sunday, 28 March 2004**

**Morning-afternoon**

**9 a.m.–6 p.m., Samda Hall**  
Fifth Global Civil Society Forum

**9 a.m.–5.30 p.m., KAL Hotel, Jeju**  
Meeting on capacity-building for integrated policy development and implementation for sustainable development

**Afternoon**

**3 p.m.–4 p.m., Tamna Hall**  
Informal consultations with regional groups

**Evening**

**6 p.m., Event Hall (ICC, first floor)**  
Environmental technology exhibition  
Launch of exhibitions organized by the Republic of Korea

**(Time and venue to be decided)**

Meeting of the Bureau of the Governing Council

**Monday, 29 March 2004**

**Morning**

**Plenary**

**10 a.m.–11.30 a.m.**

Item 1: Opening of the session

- Welcoming and introductory remarks by the Acting President of the Governing Council
- Message from Mr. Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations
- Remarks by Mr. Klaus Töpfer, Executive Director of UNEP
- Remarks by the representative of the Government of the Republic of Korea
- Cultural interlude

**Short break**

Item 2: Organization of the work of the session

Item 2 (a): Election of the President

Item 2 (b): Adoption of the agenda

Item 2 (c): Organization of the work of the session

**Ministerial consultations**

**12 p.m.–1 p.m., Halla Hall**

Item 6: Follow-up to the World Summit on Sustainable Development: contribution of UNEP to the forthcoming session of the Commission on Sustainable Development

Theme: Environmental dimension of water, sanitation and human settlements

- Statement by a representative of the fifth Global Civil Society Forum
- Statement by an Asian member of the Steering Committee of the Youth Advisory Group
- Introduction of the theme

*(Moderator to be decided)*

**Committee of the Whole**

**12 p.m.–1 p.m., Tamna Hall**

Item 4: Assessment, monitoring and early warning: state of the environment

Item 5: Outcomes of intergovernmental meetings of relevance to the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum

Item 7: International environmental governance: implementation of decisions of the seventh special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum and the World Summit on Sustainable Development on the report of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Group of Ministers or Their Representatives on International Environmental Governance

- Election of the Rapporteur
- Introduction by the secretariat

**1 p.m., Press Centre (ICC, third floor)**  
Press conference

**1 p.m. – 3 p.m.: Lunch break**

**UNEP Special Event Hall (ICC, first floor)**  
Special event:  
Technology transfer in relation to sanitation, and sustainable  
production and consumption patterns for water

**Afternoon**

**Ministerial consultations**

**3 p.m.–7 p.m., Halla Hall**

Item 6: Follow-up to the World Summit on Sustainable Development: contribution of UNEP to the forthcoming session of the Commission on Sustainable Development

Theme: Environmental dimension of water, sanitation and human settlements

*(Moderator to be decided)*

**Committee of the Whole**

**3 p.m.–6 p.m., Tamna Hall**

Item 4: Assessment, monitoring and early warning: state of the environment

Item 5: Outcomes of intergovernmental meetings of relevance to the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum

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**Evening**

**7.30 p.m., ICC Coffee Shop (fifth floor)**  
Reception hosted by the Governing Council President and the Executive Director

**Tuesday, 30 March 2004**

**Morning**

**Ministerial consultations**

**9 a.m.–1 p.m., Halla Hall**

Item 6: Follow-up to the World Summit on Sustainable Development: contribution of UNEP to the forthcoming session of the Commission on Sustainable Development

Theme: Environmental dimension of water, sanitation and human settlements

*(Moderator to be decided)*

**Committee of the Whole**

**10 a.m.–1 p.m., Tamna Hall**

Item 4: Assessment, monitoring and early warning: state of the environment

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**1 p.m. – 3 p.m.: Lunch break**

**UNEP Special Event Hall (ICC, first floor)**

Special event:

Women, water and sanitation

**Afternoon**

**Ministerial consultations**

**3 p.m.–7 p.m.**

Item 6: Follow-up to the World Summit on Sustainable Development: contribution of UNEP to the forthcoming session of the Commission on Sustainable Development

Theme: Environmental dimension of water, sanitation and human settlements

*(Moderator to be decided)*

**Committee of the Whole**

**3 p.m.–6 p.m.**

Item 4: Assessment, monitoring and early warning: state of the environment

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Item 7: International environmental governance: implementation of decisions [...] on the report of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Group of Ministers or Their Representatives on International Environmental Governance

- Adoption of the report and conclusion of the work of the Committee

**Evening**

**7 p.m., UNEP Special Event Hall (ICC, first floor)**

Special event:

UNEP and small island developing States: Beyond 2004

**Wednesday, 31 March 2004**

**Morning**

**Ministerial consultations/plenary**

**9 a.m.–1 p.m., Halla Hall**

- Report of the President on the outcome of the round table discussions, including recommendations for the Commission on Sustainable Development at its twelfth session and for UNEP
- Adoption of the report of the Committee of the Whole

**1 p.m. – 3 p.m.: Lunch break**

**UNEP Special Event Hall (ICC, first floor)**

Special event:  
Dust and sand storms

**Afternoon**

**Plenary**

**3 p.m.–6 p.m.**

Item 3: Credentials of representatives

Item 8: Other matters

Item 9: Adoption of the report

Item 10: Closure of the session

**Closing ceremony**

- Cultural interlude
- Closing remarks by Mr. Klaus Töpfer, Executive Director of UNEP
- Closing remarks by the President of the Governing Council

**Press Centre (ICC, third floor)**

Press conference

Thursday, 1 April 2004

Morning-afternoon

**Field excursion, focusing on water, sanitation and human settlements**

The following programme of field activities is offered, by courtesy of the Government of the Republic of Korea:

- Experiencing environmental management of Jeju I (Jeju Incinerator)
- Experiencing environmental management of Jeju II (sewage disposal plant)
- Climbing Mt. Halla
- Tea and excursion to woods
- Water and village