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ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION: ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE SESSION

Annotated provisional agenda and organization of work

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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1. Opening of the session

1. The seventh special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum, will be opened by the President of the Council at its twenty-first session or, in his absence, by one of the other officers of the Council at its twenty-first session. The session/forum will be held at the Centro de Convenciones y Exposiciones Cartagena de Indias, Cartagena, Colombia and is expected to begin at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 13 February 2002.
2. In keeping with the date and place fixed by the Bureau of the Governing Council in consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the session/forum will last three days. Informal regional consultations with the UNEP regional groups will be held on Wednesday, 13 February 2002, beginning at 9 a.m.

Item 2. Organization of the session(a) Adoption of the agenda

3. The provisional agenda for the seventh special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum, drawn up in accordance with rule 14 of the rules of procedure of the Governing Council, will be distributed on 1 November 2001 as document UNEP/GCSS.VII/1. The provisional timetable of meetings by the Executive Director in consultation with the Bureau of the Governing Council, is contained in the annex to the present document.

(b) Organization of the work of the session

4. The Executive Director recommends that the session/forum deal with the items of the provisional agenda in plenary meetings (ministerial consultations). The plenary in the form of ministerial consultations will hold discussions on item 4 (Report on international environmental governance); item 5 (Contribution of the United Nations Environment Programme to the World Summit on Sustainable Development); item 6 (Report on the implementation of the decisions of the twenty-first session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum [sections on Strategic approach to international chemicals management]). In order to facilitate discussions under these items, specially invited guest speakers will serve as resource persons.
5. As for any sessional bodies which may be established, the Executive Director recommends that such a body devote its meetings to provisional agenda item 6 (Report on the implementation of the decisions of the twenty-first session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum).

DOCUMENTATION	
UNEP/GCSS.VII/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/GCSS.VII/1/Add.1	Annotated provisional agenda and organization of the work
UNEP/GCSS.VII/2	Report on international environmental governance
UNEP/GCSS.VII/3	Contribution of the United Nations Environment Programme to the World Summit on Sustainable Development
UNEP/GCSS.VII/4	Report of the implementation of the decisions adopted at the twenty-first session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum
UNEP/GCSS.VII/4/Add.1	Strategy for enhancing civil society engagement in the work of UNEP
UNEP/GCSS.VII/INF/1	Strategic approach to international chemicals management
UNEP/GCSS.VII/INF/2	Industry <i>overview report</i>

Item 3. Credentials of representatives

6. In accordance with rule 17 of the rules of procedure of the Governing Council, the Bureau will examine the credentials of representatives at the seventh special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum, and will report thereon to the session/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 such alternate representatives and advisers as may be required.

Item 4. Report on international environmental governance

7. As a basis for its discussion, the plenary will have before it the report of the Executive Director on international environmental governance (UNEP/GCSS/VII/2). The input of the session/forum on future requirements of international environmental governance in the broader context of multilateral efforts for sustainable development will be provided to the tenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development acting as the preparatory body for the World Summit on Sustainable Development. At the second preparatory session, which will take place in New York from 28 January to 8 February 2002, the Commission will consider, *inter alia*, a progress report on the international environmental governance process. The third preparatory session is scheduled to take place in New York from 25 March to 5 April 2002. At that session the Commission will receive the outcome of the Governing Council/Forum on international environmental governance.

8. In order to facilitate discussions on this agenda item, specially invited guests will serve as resource persons.

RESOURCE PERSON	
Mr. Raul Estrada Oyula, (Argentina) – Moderator of the discussions of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Group of Ministers or their Representatives on International Environmental Governance)	
DOCUMENTATION	
UNEP/GCSS.VII/2	Report on international environmental governance

Item 5. Contribution of the United Nations Environment Programme to the World Summit on Sustainable Development

9. Under this item, the session/forum will have before it the report of the Executive Director on the contribution of UNEP to the World Summit on Sustainable Development (UNEP/GCSS.VII/3). This report includes the activities of UNEP that are relevant in the context of the World Summit on Sustainable Development such as information, monitoring, assessment and early warning; environmental law; coordination of environmental conventions, technology, industry and economics and regional activities in the management of the environment.

<i>RESOURCE PERSON</i>	
<i>Mr. Mohamed V. Moosa, Minister of Environment Affairs and Tourism (South Africa)</i>	
DOCUMENTATION	
UNEP/GCSS.VII/3	Contribution of the United Nations Environment Programme to the World Summit on Sustainable Development

Item 6. Report on the implementation of the decisions of the twenty-first session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum

10. The report of the Executive Director will address the relevant decisions of the twenty-first session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Forum, namely: 21/7 (Chemicals management); 21/14 (Trade and environment); 21/15 (Support to Africa); 21/16 (Environmental situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territories); 21/18 (Implementation of the Malmö Ministerial Declaration); 21/19 (The role of civil

society); 21/20 (Governance of the United Nations Environment Programme and implementation of General Assembly resolution 53/242); 21/21 (International environmental governance to be addressed under provisional agenda item 4 (Report on International environmental governance, 21/24 (Policy and advisory services in key areas of institution-building); 21/27 (Compliance with and enforcement of multilateral environmental agreements) and 21/31 (The Environment Fund budgets: Proposed biennial programme and support budget for 2002-2003), as adopted at its tenth plenary meeting on 9 February 2001.

RESOURCE PERSON

Ms. Louise O. Fresco, Assistant Director-General, Head of the Agriculture Department, FAO

DOCUMENTATION

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| <i>UNEP/GCSS.VII/4</i> | <i>Report of the implementation of the decisions adopted by the twenty-first session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum</i> |
| <i>UNEP/GCSS.VII/4/Add.1</i> | <i>Strategy for enhancing civil society engagement in the work of UNEP</i> |
| <i>UNEP/GCSS.VII/INF/2</i> | <i>Industry overview report</i> |

Item 7. Other matters

Item 8. Adoption of the report

Item 9. Closure of the session

Annex

SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL/GLOBAL MINISTERIAL ENVIRONMENT FORUM:

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, 13 FEBRUARY 2002

Meeting of the Bureau of the Governing Council
Informal consultations with regional groups

PLENARY (MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIONS)

10 a.m.

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| Item 1: | Opening of the session |
| Item 2: | Organization of the session |
| Item 2(a) | Adoption of the agenda |
| Item 2(b) | Organization of the work of the session |
| Item 4 | Report on international environmental governance |

LUNCH TIME (1 - 3 p.m.)

SIDE EVENT ON: (To be decided)

PLENARY (MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIONS)

3 p.m.

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| Item 4: | Report on international environmental governance |
| Item 5: | Contribution of the United Nations Environment Programme to the World Summit on Sustainable Development |

RECEPTION HOSTED BY THE HOST GOVERNMENT (To be decided)

THURSDAY, 14 FEBRUARY 2002

PLENARY (MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIONS)

10 a.m.

- Item 4: Report on international environmental governance
- Item 5: Contribution of the United Nations Environment Programme to the World Summit on Sustainable Development
- Item 6: Report on the implementation of the decisions of the twenty-first session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum.

LUNCH TIME (1 - 3 p.m.)

SIDE EVENT ON: (To be decided)

PLENARY (MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIONS)

3 p.m.

- Item 4: Report on international environmental governance
- Item 5: Contribution of the United Nations Environment Programme to the World Summit on Sustainable Development
- Item 6: Report on the implementation of the decisions of the twenty-first session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum.

RECEPTION HOSTED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND GOVERNING COUNCIL PRESIDENT

FRIDAY, 15 FEBRUARY 2002

PLENARY (MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIONS)

10 a.m.

- Item 4: Report on international environmental governance
- Item 5: Contribution of the United Nations Environment Programme to the World Summit on Sustainable Development

LUNCH TIME (1 - 3 p.m.)

PLENARY (MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIONS)

3 p.m.

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Item 7: Other matters

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