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ПРОГРАММА ОРГАНИЗАЦИИ ОБЪЕДИНЕННЫХ НАЦИЙ ПО ОКРУЖАЮЩЕЙ СРЕДЕ

**Our Reference:** OSGB/BAM

15 October 2001

## NOTIFICATION BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Seventh special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum  
of the United Nations Environment Programme  
Cartagena, Colombia

1. The seventh special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) will be held at the Centro de Convenciones y Exposiciones Cartagena de Indias, Cartagena, Colombia, from 13 to 15 February 2002. The session/forum will open at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 13 February 2002. The session/forum is being convened in pursuance of a decision entitled "Seventh special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum" adopted by the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum at its twenty-first session on 9 February 2001.
2. The provisional agenda (UNEP/GCSS.VII/1) is being circulated with the present notification. The annotated provisional agenda (UNEP/GCSS.VII/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, is also being circulated together with the notification. All the working and information documents for the session/forum will be circulated four weeks before the opening date.
3. The most important topic of our third Global Ministerial Environment Forum will be preparations for the World Summit on Sustainable Development, including the important subject of international environmental governance. The session/forum will also consider a number of reports whose preparation was requested at the twenty-first session, in the following decisions: decision 21/7 on a strategic approach to international chemicals management; decision 21/16 on the environmental situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory; decision 21/19 on the active engagement of civil society, the private sector and other major groups in the work of UNEP; decision 21/21 on future requirements of international environmental governance in the broader

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context of multilateral efforts for sustainable development (a report to be submitted to the tenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development acting as the preparatory body for the World Summit on Sustainable Development at its meeting at the ministerial level in March-April 2002 as a contribution to the Summit); decision 21/ 24 on international legal instruments reflecting provisions contained in principle 10 of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, including an assessment and evaluation of their actual coverage vis-à-vis principle 10; and decision 21/27 on draft guidelines on compliance with multilateral environmental agreements and on capacity-strengthening, effective national environmental enforcement, in support of the ongoing development of compliance regimes within the framework of international agreements and in consultation with Governments and relevant international organizations.

4. The session/forum will also have before it a report on the implementation of decisions adopted at the twenty-first session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum in the period since that session/forum. Those decisions are as follows: decision 21/14 on trade and environment; decision 21/15 on progress made and results achieved in support to Africa; decision 21/18 on progress made in the implementation of the Malmö Ministerial Declaration; and decision 21/31 on reallocations of appropriations or adjustments of allocations under biennial programme and support budget for 2002-2003.

5. The session/forum will hold its discussions primarily through ministerial consultations, and, if it so chooses, may establish sessional committees to facilitate its work on the agenda items identified by the Bureau of the Governing Council.

6. A list of the member States of the Governing Council in 2002 is provided in annex I to this notification. Under rule 16 of the rules of procedure, an accredited representative, who may be accompanied by such alternate representative and advisers as the delegations may require, shall represent each member State of the Council. Since a Committee of the Whole may be established to discuss matters that have been considered by the Committee of Permanent Representatives to UNEP, Governments may wish to consider the benefit of including their Permanent Representatives in their delegations.

7. Member States of the Governing Council are accordingly required to submit to the Executive Director as soon as possible, but no later than 15 December 2001, the names of their representatives, alternate representatives and advisers who will participate in the seventh special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum, in order to enable the host Government to make the necessary arrangements for the session/forum.

8. Registration of participants will take place from 3 p.m. on Tuesday, 12 February 2002.

Information for participants regarding hotel accommodation, medical requirements, visa regulations, etc. will be provided, together with registration forms, four weeks before the session/forum.

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

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Annex IMEMBER STATES OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS  
ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE CURRENT PERIOD 2000 - 2003

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

Antigua and Barbuda *	Malawi *
Argentina *	Marshall Islands **
Austria *	Mexico **
Bahamas **	Netherlands **
Belarus *	New Zealand **
Belgium *	Nigeria *
Benin **	Norway *
Botswana *	Pakistan **
Brazil **	Poland **
Burkina Faso **	Republic of Korea *
Burundi *	Republic of Moldova **
Cameroon *	Russian Federation *
Canada *	Samoa **
China *	Saudi Arabia **
Colombia **	Senegal **
Comoros *	Slovakia **
Cuba *	Sudan *
Denmark **	Suriname **
Egypt **	Syrian Arab Republic *
Equatorial Guinea **	Thailand **
France *	Turkey **
Gambia **	Uganda **
Germany *	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland **
Hungary *	United States of America *
India **	Venezuela *
Indonesia *	Zimbabwe *
Iran (Islamic Republic of) **	
Italy **	
Jamaica *	
Japan *	
Kazakhstan *	
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya **	

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

## AFRICAN GROUP

Benin \*\*  
 Botswana \*  
 Burkina Faso \*\*  
 Burundi \*  
 Cameroon \*  
 Comoros \*  
 Egypt \*\*  
 Equatorial Guinea \*\*  
 Gambia \*\*  
 Libyan Arab Jamahiriya \*\*  
 Malawi \*  
 Nigeria \*  
 Senegal \*\*  
 Sudan \*  
 Uganda \*\*  
 Zimbabwe \*

## ASIAN GROUP

China \*  
 India \*\*  
 Indonesia \*  
 Iran (Islamic Republic of) \*\*  
 Japan \*  
 Kazakhstan \*  
 Marshall Islands\*\*  
 Pakistan \*  
 Republic of Korea \*  
 Samoa \*\*  
 Saudi Arabia \*\*  
 Syrian Arab Republic \*  
 Thailand \*\*

## EASTERN EUROPEAN GROUP

Belarus \*  
 Hungary \*  
 Poland \*\*  
 Republic of Moldova \*\*  
 Russian Federation \*  
 Slovakia \*\*

LATIN AMERICAN AND  
CARIBBEAN GROUP

Antigua and Barbuda \*  
 Argentina \*  
 Bahamas \*\*  
 Brazil \*\*  
 Colombia \*\*  
 Cuba \*  
 Jamaica \*  
 Mexico \*\*  
 Suriname \*\*  
 Venezuela \*

WESTERN EUROPEAN AND  
OTHERS GROUP

Austria \*  
 Belgium \*  
 Canada \*  
 Denmark\*\*  
 France \*  
 Germany \*  
 Italy \*\*  
 Netherlands \*\*  
 New Zealand \*\*  
 Norway \*  
 Turkey \*\*  
 United Kingdom of Great Britain  
 and Northern Ireland \*\*  
 United States of America \*

\* Members whose terms expire on 31 December 2001.

\*\* Members whose terms expire on 31 December 2003.

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
REGIONAL GROUP													
African Group	VP	VP	Rapp	Pres	VP	VP	VP	Rapp	Pres	VP	VP	VP	Rapp
Asian Group	VP	Rapp	VP	VP	Pres	VP	Rapp	VP	VP	Pres	VP	Rapp	VP
Eastern European Group	VP	Pres	VP	Rapp	VP	VP	Pres	VP	Rapp	VP	VP	Pres	VP
Latin American and Caribbean Group	Pres	VP	VP	VP	Rapp	Pres	VP	VP	VP	Rapp	Pres	VP	VP
Western European and Others Group	Rapp	VP	Pres	VP	VP	Rapp	VP	Pres	VP	VP	Rapp	VP	Pres

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Note:        Pres            President  
               VP                Vice-President  
               Rapp            Rapporteur

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