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Item 1: Opening of the session

1. The twenty-fifth 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, 16 February 2009, 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-fourth session.

Item 2: Organization of work

Item 2 (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 2009 was distributed to all Governments, accredited international non-governmental organizations and relevant intergovernmental organizations and United Nations agencies together with the notification of the twenty-fifth session dated 20 November 2008.

Item 2 (b): Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

(a) Organization of work

3. In keeping with decision 24/14 II, adopted by the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum at its twenty-fourth session, and the subsequent decision taken by the Bureau of the Council/Forum at its meeting held on March 2007, the twenty-fifth session will be held over five days, from 16 to 20 February 2009. Informal consultations in regional groups will be held on Sunday, 15 February 2009, the day before the opening of the session.

4. The Council/Forum will adopt its agenda. The provisional agenda for the session (document UNEP/GC.25/1), as approved by the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum at its twenty-fourth session, was distributed together with the notification of the present session. The provisional timetable of meetings and events, including the information on pre-session events and social functions, in addition to formal meetings of the Council/Forum may be found in the annex to the present document. The scenario note providing information on the objectives and expectations as regards the outcomes of the session of the Council/Forum may be found in document UNEP/GC.25/INF/1, annex I, while the list of documents may be found in annex II to the same document. Additional information on the Council/Forum is available on the following website: http://www.unep.org/gc/gc25. Updated information on all meetings and events may be found in journals that will be issued every day for the duration of the session and also displayed on video screens placed strategically in the conference premises.

5. The Executive Director recommends that the Council/Forum, at its plenary meeting on the morning of Monday, 16 February, should elect its officers and adopt the agenda and organization of work for the session under provisional agenda items 2 (a) and (b), respectively. The Executive Director also recommends that the Council/Forum at the opening plenary meeting should establish sessional committees, including a committee of the whole.

6. During this meeting, the Executive Director will present his policy statement, as set out in document UNEP/GC.25/2.

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 present session of the Council/Forum should meet in the form of ministerial-level consultations, beginning on the afternoon of Monday, 16 February, with meetings continuing through the afternoon of Thursday, 19 February 2008.

8. The Executive Director also recommends that, at the meeting on the morning of Friday, 20 February, the Council/Forum 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 regard, the attention of the Council/Forum is drawn to the draft decisions prepared by the Committee of Permanent Representatives to UNEP, as set out in document UNEP/GC.25/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.

9. In addition, the Executive Director recommends that items 3 (Credentials of representatives); 8 (Other matters); 9 (Adoption of the report); and 10 (Closure of the session) should be considered during the plenary meeting on the afternoon of Friday, 20 February 2009.

10. The proceedings of the Council/Forum, including the plenary, the plenary session of the ministerial-level consultations, and the Committee of the Whole, will be conducted with simultaneous interpretation into the six official languages of the United Nations.

11. In an effort to make the twenty-fifth session of the Council/Forum as climate-neutral and environmentally friendly as possible, various measures are in place. These include offsetting for greenhouse gas emissions caused by participant's travel to and stay in Nairobi for participants sponsored by UNEP, reducing the number of hard copies of all documents, maximum possible use of 100 per cent recycled paper for documentation and making increased use of recyclable materials and goods in the conference venue, in addition to providing relevant information and communications campaigns. With regard to the distribution of pre-session documents, delegations will receive one copy each of all documents, while delegates are encouraged to visit the relevant website and download the documents. Governments wishing to receive additional copies of the documents should so inform the secretariat, which will transmit the requested number of documents, or provide the same at the conference site. Furthermore, a "green guide" will be made available on the UNEP website to provide delegates with information on how to assist in making the event more environmentally friendly. All participants are recommended to consider offsetting for the greenhouse gas emissions caused by their travel to and stay in Nairobi.

(b) Ministerial-level consultations

12. The themes of the ministerial consultations for the present session focus on tackling and responding to emerging issues from the past 12 months, under the thought-provoking titles of "Global crises: national chaos?" and "International environmental governance: help or hindrance?" Discussion papers prepared by the Executive Director on these themes will be before the Council/Forum to provide background information and stimulate the discussions by the ministers and the heads of delegations (documents UNEP/GC.25/16 and Add.1).

13. Over the past 12 months the emergence of the global food crisis and an international response that has sought to find ways of achieving world food security in the context of climate change and bioenergy have been witnessed, coming at a time when the world is already grappling with concerns over energy security and the need to diversify energy supply, and heightened concerns over the availability of freshwater to meet growing demands for food and energy.

14. The ministerial consultations will provide the opportunity to look at the challenges of food, energy and water security in a changing climate, through the lens of environmental sustainability, and to review the response required at the country level from within the United Nations, with financing institutions and mechanisms, including the World Bank and the Global Environment Facility, and from multilateral environmental agreements, including the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa and the Convention on Biological Diversity.

15. Today, a renewed interest in the international environmental governance debate is being witnessed for a variety of reasons, including heightened concerns over a lack of coherence in the system, and the mounting evidence that environmental degradation is now severely hindering efforts to achieve sustainable development and the Millennium Development Goals, in particular as a result of climate change.

16. The debate has, however, largely focused on an international dialogue that is remote from the real-life challenges that are confronting member States. In tackling threats to food, energy and water security, and in grappling with the impacts of climate change, member States are now dealing with an array of United Nations agencies, financial institutions and mechanisms, multilateral environmental agreements, private sector interests and civil society organizations, and the lack of coherence in the system is increasingly being felt at the country level. The ministerial consultations will provide the space to consider

how the current international environmental governance architecture, including financing mechanisms, either helps or hinders member States in meeting the challenges to achieving sustainable development and the Millennium Development Goals.

17. It is recommended that format of the ministerial consultations should involve a mix of panels, round tables 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.

18. The Executive Director further recommends that these issues be taken up during the ministerial-level consultations as follows: the afternoon meeting of Monday, 16 February, will serve as a platform upon which informed debate and dialogue can follow based upon a common understanding of the current situation in the subsequent sessions beginning during the morning of Tuesday, 17 February, and continue until and including the afternoon of Thursday, 19 February. A plenary meeting in the late afternoon of Thursday, 19 February, will be a synthesis session that draws upon the outcomes from all the discussions and will review which messages could be sent by ministers responsible for the environment through the President's summary to the United Nations system, Governments, the business community and civil society.

19. The Executive Director recommends that in the afternoon on Wednesday, 18 February, the ministerial meeting be organized by the Government of Denmark, the host of the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, which will take place in 2009.

(c) Committee of the Whole

20. The Committee of the Whole is expected to begin its work in the afternoon of Monday, 16 February. The Committee 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.

21. The Executive Director recommends that the Committee of the Whole take up the following items of the provisional agenda: 4 (Policy issues: (a) State of the environment; (c) International environmental governance; (d) Coordination and cooperation within the United Nations system on environmental matters; (e) Coordination and cooperation with major groups; (f) Contribution of the United Nations Environment Programme as an implementing agency of the Global Environment Facility); 5 (Follow-up to and implementation of the outcomes of United Nations summits and major intergovernmental meetings, including the decisions of the Governing Council); 6 (Budget and programme of work for the biennium 2010–2011 and the Environment Fund and other budgetary matters); 7 (Provisional agenda, date and venue of future sessions of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum: (a) Eleventh special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum; and (b) Twenty-sixth session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum); and 8 (Other matters). Substantive topics to be addressed by each of these agenda items are detailed in paragraphs below.

22. It is envisaged that the Committee of the Whole will conclude its work at its afternoon meeting on Thursday, 19 February 2009, with the adoption of its report. The report of the Committee of the Whole will be submitted to the plenary for adoption at the morning meeting on Friday, 20 February 2009.

(d) Pre-session events

23. The Council/Forum will be preceded by the following events:

(a) Tenth Global Civil Society Forum, attended by representatives of non-governmental and civil society organizations, on 14 and 15 February 2009. A limited number of Forum representatives will also participate in the intergovernmental deliberations at the Council/Forum;

(b) Meeting of the Network of Women Ministers and Leaders for the Environment, on 15 February 2009, which will discuss the themes under consideration at the twenty-fifth session of the Council/Forum from a gender perspective and identify priority actions that the international community and Governments need to consider.

(e) Special events, exhibitions and excursion

24. Two special events will be held during the lunch break every day of the session of the Council/Forum on matters of relevance to the deliberations by the Council/Forum. Details of these events, those of social events and relevant parallel events may be found in the journal on a daily basis. Delegates are encouraged to participate in these events.

25. Several environment-focused exhibitions will be going on throughout the session. In addition, a field excursion will be organized to demonstrate the themes of the ministerial consultations in which interested delegates may participate.

Item 3: Credentials of representatives

26. In accordance with rule 17 of the rules of procedure, the credentials of representatives at the twenty-fifth 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

Item 4 (a): State of the environment

27. Under this agenda item the Council/Forum will have before it the following documentation:

Documentation	
Symbol and title	**Annotation**
UNEP/GC.25/4 State of the environment and contribution of the United Nations Environment programme to addressing substantive environmental challenges: Report by the Executive Director	The document summarizes issues emanating from the activities of UNEP in the area of assessment, monitoring and early warning, and describes the multifaceted environmental challenges that face the United Nations and its Member States. The report also summarizes the services that UNEP is providing to Governments and other stakeholders to build capacity in scientific environmental assessment and information for decision-making. Additional information on this subject may be found in documents UNEP/GC.25/INF/11, 12 and Add.1, and 13.
UNEP/GC.25/4/Add.1 State of the environment and contribution of the United Nations Environment programme to addressing substantive environmental challenges: Addendum: Report by the Executive Director Overview of the international environmental assessment landscape and options for a future global assessment on environmental change:	The document provides a comprehensive overview of the international assessment landscape and options for a future global assessment on environmental change, as requested by decision SS.X/5 of 22 February 2008, paragraph 7 (a). Furthermore, in response to paragraph 7 (b) of the same decision, it presents options for the possible development of a scientifically credible and policy-relevant global assessment of environmental change and its implication for development, including a cost analysis and an indicative benefit analysis for each option. Additional information on this subject may be found in documents UNEP/GC.25/INF/11, 12 and Add.1, and 13.
UNEP/GC.25/INF/2 UNEP Year Book 2009: Note by the Executive Director	The annual yearbook series presents selected new scientific findings and events of 2008 that are likely to shape important environmental issues and trends in the coming year of 2009. The content of the Year Book 2009 relates to the six thematic priorities outlined in the medium-term strategy of UNEP and contains a cross-cutting thematic discussion of cumulative effects of pressing environmental issues and problems, such as climate change and ecosystem stress, which are resulting in the loss of sequestered carbon, causing ecosystem degradation and increasing human vulnerability to more frequent climate-related disasters.

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Symbol and title	**Annotation**
UNEP/GC.25/INF/11 Synthesis of global environmental assessment: Environment for development – policy lessons from global environmental assessments: Note by the Executive Director	The document provides information supplementary to that provided in documents UNEP/GC.25/4 and Add.1.
UNEP/GC.25/INF/12 Overview of the environmental assessment landscape at the global and regional levels: Note by the Executive Director	The document provides information supplementary to that provided in documents UNEP/GC.25/4 and Add.1.
UNEP/GC.25/INF/12/Add.1 Overview of the environmental assessment landscape at the national level: Addendum: State of the environment reporting: Note by the Executive Director	The document provides information supplementary to that provided in documents UNEP/GC.25/4 and Add.1.
UNEP/GC.25/INF/13 Findings of the review of the initial impact of the fourth *Global Environment Outlook: Environment for Development* report and the self-assessment survey: Note by the Executive Director	The document provides information supplementary to that provided in documents UNEP/GC.25/4 and Add.1.
UNEP/GC.25/5 Chemicals management, including mercury: Report by the Executive Director	The document, together with its addendum, is being submitted pursuant to paragraphs 3 and 4 of decision SS.X/1 of 22 February 2008, with a view to facilitating the consideration by the Council/Forum of the significant programme-related matters on chemicals management, waste management and progress of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Mercury. This document is divided into three chapters, corresponding to the three parts of decision 24/3: the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management; lead and cadmium; and the mercury programme. The draft decision in the document suggests that the Council should decide on a further course of action on each of the above topics. Additional information on this subject may be found in documents UNEP/GC.25/INF/22, 23 and Add.1 and 24.
UNEP/GC.25/INF/22 Report on activities of the Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals and its participating organizations to implement the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management : Note by the Executive Director	The document provides information supplementary to that provided in document UNEP/GC.25/5.
UNEP/GC.25/INF/23 Draft final review of scientific information on lead: Note by the Executive Director	The document provides information supplementary to that provided in document UNEP/GC.25/5.It has appendices that include an overview of existing and future national actions, including legislation, relevant to lead and cadmium, a compilation of existing risk management measures and a study on the health and environmental effects from the movement of products containing lead, cadmium and mercury in Africa.

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Symbol and title	**Annotation**
UNEP/GC.25/INF/23/Add.1 Draft final review of scientific information on lead: Addendum: Study on the health and environmental effects of the movement of products containing lead, cadmium and mercury in Africa: Note by the Executive Director	The document provides information supplementary to that provided in document UNEP/GC.25/5.
UNEP/GC.25/INF/24 Draft final review of scientific information on cadmium: Note by the Executive Director	The document provides information supplementary to that provided in document UNEP/GC.25/5.It has appendices that include an overview of existing and future national actions, including legislation, relevant to lead and cadmium and a compilation of existing risk management measures.
UNEP/GC.25/5/Add.1 Chemicals management, including mercury: Addendum: Report to the Governing Council on the outcome of the discussions of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Mercury: Note by the Executive Director	The report is being submitted to the Council as agreed by the Working Group at its second meeting, held in Nairobi from 6 to 10 October 2008. The full report of the second meeting of the Working Group is set out in document UNEP/GC.25/INF/25.
UNEP/GC.25/INF/25 Full report of the second meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on mercury: Note by the Executive Director	The document sets out the full report of the second meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on Mercury, as referred to in document UNEP/GC.25/5/Add.1.
UNEP/GC.25/INF/26 Executive summary of the Report on Global Atmospheric Mercury Assessment: Sources, Emissions and Transport: Note by the Executive Director	The document provides information supplementary to that provided in document UNEP/GC.25/5/Add.1.
UNEP/GC.25/INF/26/Add.1 Report on Global Atmospheric Mercury Assessment: Sources, Emissions and Transport: Note by the Executive Director	The document provides information supplementary to that provided in document UNEP/GC.25/5/Add.1.
UNEP/GC.25/INF/27 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: Note by the Executive Director	The document provides information supplementary to that provided in document UNEP/GC.25/5/Add.1.
UNEP/GC.25/INF/28 Executive summary of the report on the extent of contaminated sites: Note by the Executive Director	The document provides information supplementary to that provided in document UNEP/GC.25/5/Add.1.
UNEP/GC.25/5/Add.2 Chemicals management, including mercury: Addendum: Waste management: Report by the Executive Director	The document responds to the request made in paragraphs 3 and 4 of decision SS.X/1 of 22 February 2008, as it relates to waste management. Additional information on this subject may be found in document UNEP/GC.25/INF/29.

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UNEP/GC.25/INF/29 Waste management: Note by the Executive Director	The document provides information supplementary to that provided in document UNEP/GC.25/5/Add.2.
UNEP/GC.25/6 Small island developing States: Report by the Executive Director	The document is being submitted pursuant to paragraph 5 of decision 24/6 of 9 February 2007 on small island developing States. It sets out information on the progress made in the implementation of that decision. The document describes activities that UNEP has been undertaking to contribute to the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy. Additional information on this subject may be found in document UNEP/GC.25/INF/18.
UNEP/GC.25/INF/18 Activities of the United Nations Environment Programme on small island developing States: Note by the Executive Director	The document provides information supplementary to that provided in document UNEP/GC.25/6.
UNEP/GC.25/7 Support to Africa in environmental management and protection: Report by the Executive Director	The document is being submitted pursuant to paragraph 10 of decision 24/8 of 9 February 2007 on support to Africa. It summarizes the activities undertaken by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in the context of the six cross-cutting thematic priorities of the medium-term strategy for the period 2010–2013. Additional information on this subject may be found in document UNEP/GC.25/INF/21.
UNEP/GC.25/INF/21 Support to Africa in environmental management and protection: Note by the Executive Director	The document provides information supplementary to that provided in document UNEP/GC.25/7.
UNEP/GC.25/8 South-South cooperation in achieving sustainable development: Report by the Executive Director	The document is being submitted pursuant to paragraph 6 of decision 24/12 of 9 February 2007 on South-South cooperation in achieving sustainable development. Under the strategic direction in the context of the Bali Strategic Plan for Technology Support and Capacity-building, it summarizes activities undertaken by UNEP and present activities planned in response to decision 24/12. Additional information on this subject may be found in document UNEP/GC.25/INF/19.
UNEP/GC.25/INF/19 Activities to promote South-South cooperation: Note by the Executive Director	The document provides information supplementary to that provided in document UNEP/GC.25/8.

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Symbol and title	**Annotation**
UNEP/GC.25/9 Implementation of the water policy and strategy of the United Nations Environment Programme: Report by the Executive Director	The document is being submitted pursuant to paragraph 2 (e) of decision 24/16 of 9 February 2007 on the updated water policy and strategy of UNEP. It describes the progress in implementing the water policy and strategy in accordance with the strategy's components, namely assessment, management and coordination. Additional information on this subject may be found in document UNEP/GC.25/INF/31.
UNEP/GC.25/INF/31 Implementation of the water policy and strategy of the United Nations Environment Programme within the context of the medium-term strategy: Synopsis of major outputs and results: Note by the Executive Director	The document provides information supplementary to that provided in document UNEP/GC.25/9.
UNEP/GC.25/11 Fourth Programme for the Development and Periodic Review of Environmental Law: Report by the Executive Director	The document is submitted in accordance with the recommendations of the meeting of senior government officials expert in environmental law for the preparation of a fourth Programme for the Development and Periodic Review of Environmental Law (Montevideo Programme IV) held in Nairobi from 29 September to 3 October 2008. The report submits to the Council for its consideration suggested action to adopt the draft fourth Programme for the Development and Periodic Review of Environmental Law, in addition to the background and rationale of the preparation of the draft programme. The draft Programme and additional information may be found in documents UNEP/GC.25/INF/15 and Add.1, respectively.
UNEP/GC.25/INF/15 Fourth Programme for the Development and Periodic Review of Environmental Law: Note by the Executive Director	The document sets out the draft fourth Programme for the Development and Periodic Review of Environmental Law (Montevideo Programme IV) as set out in the annex to the report of the meeting of senior government officials expert in environmental law for the preparation of a fourth Programme held in Nairobi from 29 September to 3 October 2008 (UNEP/Env.Law/MTV4/IG/2/2). This document is available in all six official languages of the United Nations.
UNEP/GC.25/INF/15/Add.1 Fourth Programme for the Development and Periodic Review of Environmental Law: Addendum: Report on the review of the third Programme for the Development and Periodic Review of Environmental Law : Note by the Executive Director	The document provides information supplementary to that provided in documents UNEP/GC.25/11 and UNEP/GC.25/INF/15.

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Symbol and title	**Annotation**
UNEP/GC.25/11/Add.1 Fourth Programme for the Development and Periodic Review of Environmental Law: Report by the Executive Director: Addendum: Draft guidelines for the development of national legislation on access to information, public participation and access to justice in environmental matters	The document is submitted in accordance with the recommendations of the consultative meeting of government officials and experts to review and further develop draft guidelines for the development of national legislation on access to information, public participation and access to justice in environmental matters, held in Nairobi on 20 and 21 June 2008. The report submits to the Council for its consideration suggested action to adopt the draft guidelines, in addition to the background and rationale of the preparation of the draft guidelines. The draft guidelines as set out in the report of the consultative meeting may be found in document UNEP/GC.25/INF/15/Add.2.
UNEP/GC.25/INF/15/Add.2 Fourth Programme for the Development and Periodic Review of Environmental Law: Note by the Executive Director: Addendum: Draft guidelines for the development of national legislation on access to information, public participation and access to justice in environmental matters	The document sets out the report of the consultative meeting of government officials and experts to review and further develop the draft guidelines for the development of national legislation on access to information, public participation and access to justice in environmental matters, held in Nairobi on 20 and 21 June 2008 (originally issued as document UNEP/Env.Law/CM.Acc/1/2). The draft guidelines are set out in the annex to the report.
UNEP/GC.25/11/Add.2 Fourth Programme for the Development and Periodic Review of Environmental Law: Report by the Executive Director: Addendum: Draft guidelines for the development of national legislation on liability, response action and compensation for damage caused by activities dangerous to the environment	The present report is submitted in accordance with the recommendations of the consultative meeting of government officials and experts to review and further develop draft guidelines for the development of national legislation on liability, response action and compensation for damage caused by activities dangerous to the environment, held in Nairobi on 18 and 19 June 2008. The report submits to the Council for its consideration suggested action to adopt the draft guidelines, in addition to the background and rationale of the preparation of the draft guidelines. The draft guidelines as set out in the report of the consultative meeting are found in document UNEP/GC.25/INF/15/Add.3.
UNEP/GC.25/INF/15/Add.3 Fourth Programme for the Development and Periodic Review of Environmental Law: Note by the Executive Director: Addendum: Draft guidelines for the development of national legislation on liability, response action and compensation for damage caused by activities dangerous to the environment: Note by the Executive Director	Annex I to this document sets out the draft guidelines for the development of national legislation on liability, response action and compensation for damage caused by activities dangerous to the environment, incorporating the comments from the three countries submitted following the Executive Director's invitation to the members of the Committee of Permanent Representatives do so in September 2008. Annex II sets out the report of the consultative meeting of government officials and experts to review and further develop draft guidelines for the development of national legislation on liability, redress and compensation for damage caused by activities dangerous to the environment, held in Nairobi on 18 and 19 June 2008 (UNEP/Env.Law/CM./1/2) which agreed on the draft guidelines as annexed to the report (which were subsequently amended, see above).
UNEP/GC.25/INF/7 Changes in the status of ratification of and accession to conventions and protocols in the field of the environment: Note by the Executive Director	The document provides information on the status of new and existing conventions and protocols in the field of the environment, covering the period from 1 January 2007 to 31 January 2009.

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Symbol and title	**Annotation**
UNEP/GC.25/15 Intergovernmental science-policy platform on biodiversity and ecosystem services: Report by the Executive Director	The document is being submitted in accordance with the recommendations made at the ad hoc intergovernmental and multi-stakeholder meeting on an intergovernmental science-policy platform on biodiversity and ecosystem services held in Putrajaya, Malaysia, from 10 to 12 November 2008. The document sets out suggested action on the further process to consider such a platform. The Putrajaya Road Map, summarizing the main outcomes of the meeting, is set out in the annex to the document. Document UNEP/GC.25/INF/30 sets out the preliminary gap analysis for the purpose of facilitating the discussion on this matter.
UNEP/GC.25/INF/30 Preliminary gap analysis for the purpose of facilitating the discussions on how to strengthen the science-policy interface: Note by the Executive Director	The document is being submitted as requested at the intergovernmental and multi-stakeholder meeting on an intergovernmental science-policy platform on biodiversity and ecosystem services, held in Putrajaya, Malaysia, from 10 to 12 November 2008, as referred to in document UNEP/GC.25/15.
UNEP/GC.25/INF/32 Documents submitted to the ad hoc intergovernmental and multi-stakeholder meeting on an intergovernmental science-policy platform on biodiversity and ecosystem services, held in Putrajaya, Malaysia, form 10 to 12 November 2008: Note by the Executive Director	The document sets out the working documents submitted to the ad hoc intergovernmental and multi-stakeholder meeting on an intergovernmental science-policy platform on biodiversity and ecosystem services, held in Putrajaya, Malaysia from 10 to 12 November 2008.
UNEP/GC.25/INF/10 Joint progress report of the Executive Directors of the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Human Settlements Programme: Note by the Executive Director	The document being submitted jointly by the Executive Directors of UNEP and the United Nations Human Settlements Programme provides a report on cooperation between the two organizations.

Item 4 (b): Emerging policy issues

28. Under this agenda item the Council/Forum will have before it the following documentation:

Documentation	
Symbol and title	**Annotation**
UNEP/GC.25/16 Ministerial consultations – background paper for theme I – Globalization and the environment – global crises: national chaos? Discussion paper presented by the Executive Director	The paper is intended to stimulate discussion and highlight issues of concern to Governments to be tackled by ministers and heads of delegation during their ministerial-level consultations on the theme of globalization and the environment, “Global crises: national chaos?”. The document generates a brief scene-setting background paper, by drawing upon various recent international meetings.

Documentation	
Symbol and title	**Annotation**
UNEP/GC.25/16/Add.1 Ministerial consultations: background paper for theme II –International environmental governance and United Nations reform: international environmental governance: help or hindrance?": international environmental governance from a country perspective: Discussion paper by the Executive Director	The paper provides background for the ministerial-level consultations on the theme of international environmental governance and the United Nations reform "international environmental governance: help or hindrance?", by summarizing recent developments, including those occurring within the General Assembly, the World Bank, the Commonwealth Secretariat and through various informal consultative processes. Supplementary information relating to this document may be found in documents UNEP/GC.25/INF/16 and Add.1.
UNEP/GC.25/INF/16 Internationally agreed environmental goals: A preliminary compilation: Note by the Executive Director	The document provides a compilation of the most important existing internationally agreed environmental objectives, goals and targets in support of the ministerial-level consultations on the theme of international environmental governance and United Nations reform.
UNEP/GC.25/INF/16/Add.1 Internationally agreed environmental goals: A preliminary compilation: Note by the Executive Director: Addendum: Responses to internationally agreed environmental goals and objectives: demands and outputs of selected multilateral environmental agreements for the period 1992–1997	The document provides a factual record of the demands on States in meeting internationally agreed environmental objectives, goals and targets, and the outputs of selected multilateral environmental agreements over the period of 15 years from 1992 to 2007 in support of the ministerial-level consultations on the theme of international environmental governance and United Nations reform.

Item 4 (c): International environmental governance

29. Under this agenda item the Council/Forum will have before it the following documentation:

Documentation	
Symbol and title	**Annotation**
UNEP/GC.25/3 International environmental governance: Report by the Executive Director	The document summarizes actions taken or proposed on international environmental governance in implementation of decision SS.VII/1 of 15 February 2002, and decisions SS.VIII/1 of 31 March 2004 and 24/1 of 9 February 2007 on implementation of decision SS.VII/1 on international environmental governance. The following topics are discussed in the report: (a) Follow-up to paragraph 169 of the 2005 World Summit Outcome (General Assembly resolution 60/1); (b) Bali Strategic Plan for Technology Support and Capacity-building; (c) Strengthening the scientific base of UNEP; (d) Strengthening the financing of UNEP; (e) Issues concerning multilateral environmental agreements; (f) Enhanced coordination across the United Nations system, including the Environment Management Group. The draft decision in the document suggests that the Council should decide upon a further course of action on each of the above topics.

Documentation	
Symbol and title	**Annotation**
UNEP/GC.25/INF/14 Voluntary indicative scale of contributions: assessment of the operation of the extended pilot phase: Note by the Executive Director	The document provides information on the assessment of the operation of the extended pilot phase of the voluntary indicative scale of contributions to the Environment Fund and the other voluntary options listed in paragraph 18 of appendix to decision SS.VII/1, as requested by paragraph 16 of decision 24/1 IV of 9 February 2007. This document is available in all six official languages of the United Nations.
UNEP/GC.25/INF/16 Internationally agreed environmental goals: A preliminary compilation: Note by the Executive Director	[described under agenda item 4 (b) above]
UNEP/GC.25/INF/16/Add.1 Internationally agreed environmental goals: A preliminary compilation: Note by the Executive Director: Addendum: Responses to internationally agreed environmental goals and objectives: demands and outputs of selected multilateral environmental agreements for the period 1992–1997	[described under agenda item 4 (b) above]
UNEP/GC.25/INF/20 International environmental governance: Strengthening the scientific base of the United Nations Environment Programme: Environment Watch strategy: Vision 2020: Note by the Executive Director	The document presents the updated Environment Watch strategy, as requested by paragraph 7 of decision 24/1 III. The revised and updated strategy has its primary focus on capacity-building to provide environmental information for policy setting and decision-making. It takes into account the comments received from the consultative process and elaborates on how it supports the implementation of the Bali Strategic Plan for Technology Support and Capacity-building and the “Delivering as One” approach at the national level. The strategy also includes an indicative costing This document is available in all six official languages of the United Nations.
UNEP/GC.25/INF/33 Management review of environmental governance within the United Nations system: Joint Inspection Unit: Note by the Executive Director	The document set outs the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the management review of environmental governance within the United Nations system (JIU/REP/2008/3).

Item 4 (d): Coordination and cooperation within the United Nations system on environmental matters

30. Under this agenda item the Council/Forum will have before it the following documentation:

Documentation	
Symbol and title	**Annotation**
UNEP/GC.25/INF/8 Memorandums of understanding concerning cooperation between the United Nations Environment Programme and other organizations of the United Nations system: Note by the Executive Director	The document is being submitted in accordance with decision 17/8 of 21 May 1993, providing information on memorandums of understanding concluded between UNEP and other organizations in the United Nations system since the Executive Director's previous report to the Governing Council on the subject, submitted to the twenty-fourth session.
UNEP/GC.25/INF/10 Joint progress report of the Executive Directors of the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Human Settlements Programme: Note by the Executive Director	The document being submitted jointly by the executive directors of UNEP and the United Nations Human Settlements Programme provides a report on cooperation between the two organizations.
UNEP/GC.25/INF/33 Management review of environmental governance within the United Nations system: Joint Inspection Unit: Note by the Executive Director	[described under agenda item 4 (c) above]

Item 4 (e): Coordination and cooperation with major groups

31. Under this agenda item the Council/Forum will have before it the following documentation:

Documentation	
Symbol and title	**Annotation**
UNEP/GC.25/10 Final review of the long-term strategy on the engagement and involvement of young people in environmental issues: Report by the Executive Director	The document sets out the final review of the long-term strategy on engagement and involvement of young people in environmental issues, as requested by decision 22/18 II, and presents the proposed second long-term strategy (2009–2014), the first of which was implemented between 2003 and 2008. The proposed second strategy structured and aligned to the six cross-cutting priorities as identified in the medium-term strategy for the period 2010–2013. The draft decision in the document suggests that the Council decide to endorse the activities of the second long-term strategy. Additional information on this subject may be found in document UNEP/GC.25/INF/17.
UNEP/GC.25/INF/17 Implementation of the long-term strategy on the engagement and involvement of young people in environmental issues: Note by the Executive Director	The document provides information supplementary to that provided in document UNEP/GC.25/10.

Documentation	
Symbol and title	**Annotation**
UNEP/GC.25/INF/9 Civil society statement to the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum at its twenty-fifth session: Note by the Executive Director	The document sets out civil society statements prepared during the civil society regional consultation and preparatory meetings from the following regions: Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, North America and West Asia.

Item 4 (f): Contribution of the United Nations Environment Programme as an implementing agency of the Global Environment Facility

32. Under this agenda item the Council/Forum will have before it the following documentation:

Documentation	
Symbol and title	**Annotation**
UNEP/GC.25/13 Management of trust funds and earmarked contributions: Report by the Executive Director	The document provides background information on the management of the trust funds and earmarked contributions for approval by the Council in line with the actions suggested by this document. Document UNEP/GC.25/INF/5 provides additional information on this subject.
UNEP/GC.25/INF/5 Status of the Environment Fund and other sources of funding for the United Nations Environment Programme: Note by the Executive Director	The document provides information on the status of the Environment Fund and other sources of funding for UNEP and gives an overview of the availability of resources and their use over the biennium 2008–2009.

Item 5: Follow-up and implementation of the outcomes of the United Nations summits and major intergovernmental meetings, including the decisions of the Governing Council

33. Under this agenda item the Council/Forum will have before it the following documentation:

Documentation	
Symbol and title	**Annotation**
UNEP/GC.25/15 Intergovernmental science-policy platform on biodiversity and ecosystem services: Report by the Executive Director	[described under agenda item 4 (a) above]
UNEP/GC.25/INF/30 Preliminary gap analysis for the purpose of facilitating the discussions on how to strengthen the science-policy interface: Intergovernmental and multi-stakeholder meeting on an intergovernmental science-policy platform on biodiversity and ecosystem services: Note by the Executive Director	[described under agenda item 4 (a) above]

Documentation	
Symbol and title	**Annotation**
UNEP/GC.25/INF/32 Documents submitted to the ad hoc intergovernmental and multi-stakeholder meeting on an intergovernmental science-policy platform on biodiversity and ecosystem services: Note by the Executive Director	[described under agenda item 4 (a) above]
UNEP/GC.25/INF/3 Issues arising from the resolutions of the General Assembly at its sixty-third session that are of specific relevance to the work of the United Nations Environment Programme: Note by the Executive Director	The document is being presented pursuant to a standing reporting requirement of the Governing Council, a subsidiary body of the General Assembly. It provides information on issues arising from the resolutions adopted at the sixty-third session of the General Assembly which specifically call for action by, or are of relevance to, UNEP. The document also sets out in an appendix the UNEP report on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system.
UNEP/GC.25/INF/4 Report of the work of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Environment Programme: Note by the Executive Director	The document is being submitted pursuant to paragraph (k) of decision 19/32 of 4 April 1997 on the governance of UNEP, containing a report on the work of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to UNEP since the conclusion of the twenty-fourth session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum to date.

Item 6: Budget and programme of work for the biennium 2010–2011 and the Environment Fund and other budgetary matters

34. Under this agenda item the Council/Forum will have before it the following documentation:

Documentation	
Symbol and title	**Annotation**
UNEP/GC.25/12 Proposed biennial programme and support budgets for 2010–2011: Report by the Executive Director	The document sets out the proposed biennial programme and support budget for 2010–2011, for approval by the Council of the appropriations for the Environment Fund in the amount of $180 million structured in line with the six thematic cross-cutting priorities of the medium-term strategy for the period 2010–2013. Document UNEP/GC.25/INF/5 provides additional information on this subject.
UNEP/GC.25/12/Add.1 Proposed biennial programme and support budget for 2010–2011: Report by the Executive Director: Addendum: Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions	The document sets out the findings of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on its consideration of the proposed biennial programme and support budget of UNEP for 2010–2011.
UNEP/GC.25/13 Management of trust funds and earmarked contributions: Report by the Executive Director	[described under agenda item 4 (f) above]

Documentation	
Symbol and title	**Annotation**
UNEP/GC.25/14 Proposed supplementary biennial programme and support budget for 2008–2009: Report by the Executive Director	The document provides a supplementary budget for the biennium 2008–2009 for approval by the Council of the projected amount of $24 million in excess of the approved appropriation of the Environment Fund for the biennium 2008–2009. Document UNEP/GC.25/INF/5 provides additional information on this subject.
UNEP/GC.25/INF/5 Status of the Environment Fund and other sources of funding for the United Nations Environment Programme: Note by the Executive Director	[described under agenda item 4 (f) above]
UNEP/GC.25/INF/6 Report of the Board of Auditors on the audit of the accounts of the United Nations Environment Programme for the biennium ended 31 December 2007: Note by the Executive Director	The document is being submitted in accordance with paragraph 6 of Governing Council decision 18/46 of May 1995, containing the report of the Board of Auditors to the General Assembly on the accounts of the Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme for the biennium ended 31 December 2007.

Item 7: Provisional agenda, date and venue of future sessions of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum: (a) Eleventh special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum; and (b) Twenty-sixth session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum

35. 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 eleventh special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum and the twenty-sixth session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum. The Council/Forum may wish to consider and decide on these matters.

Item 8: Other matters

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

Item 9: Adoption of the report

37. The Council/Forum will consider and adopt its report.

Item 10: Closure of the session

38. It is expected that the Council/Forum will conclude its work by 6 p.m. on Friday, 20 February 2009.

Annex

Provisional timetable of meetings and events

SATURDAY, 14 FEBRUARY

Morning-Afternoon

PRE-SESSION EVENT 9 a.m.–noon & 2.30–5.30 p.m. Conference Room 1 [E/F/S]
Tenth Global Civil Society Forum A reception will be held for the participants of the Global Civil Society Forum at 6 p.m. at the Fountain Area.

- **In connection with the Forum for Women Ministers and Leaders for Environment, a tree planting event at the Karura forest will be organized in the afternoon, at 4 p.m. Participants will be picked up from hotels or from the United Nations Office at Gigiri.**

SUNDAY, 15 FEBRUARY

Morning-Afternoon

PRE-SESSION EVENT 9 a.m.–noon & 2.30–5.30 p.m. Conference Room 1 [E/F/S]
Tenth Global Civil Society Forum

PRE-SESSION EVENT 9 a.m.–6 p.m. Conference Room 3 [E/F/S]
Forum of the Network of Women Ministers and Leaders for the Environment 9 a.m.–1 p.m. plenary; 2–4 p.m. 2 breakout groups; 4–5 p.m. plenary; 5–6 p.m. informal meeting ministers only

Afternoon

INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WITH THE REGIONAL GROUPS 3–4 p.m. Conference Room 2 [English only]
The Executive Director will undertake informal consultations with Regional Groups on the structure and organization of GC25/GMEF, including nominations from Regional Groups for officers to be elected.

MONDAY, 16 FEBRUARY

Morning

❒ **Opening event of the Green Technology Tent will be organized at 9.30 a.m. at the Fountain Area.**

PLENARY 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Conference Room 2
10–10.45 a.m. ***Curtain raiser*** ***Cultural component*** **Item 1:** Opening of the session ▪ Welcoming and introductory remarks by the President of GC/GMEF ▪ Message by the United Nations Secretary-General ▪ Statement by Ms. Anna K. Tibaijuka, Executive Director of UN-HABITAT ▪ Welcoming address by Mr. Achim Steiner, Executive Director of UNEP; ▪ Address by a representative of the Republic of Kenya; **– Short Break –** ***11 a.m.–1 p.m.*** **Item 2:** Organization of the session (a) Election of officers; (b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work **Policy statement of Mr. Achim Steiner, Executive Director of UNEP** **Overview of the matters before the Council/Forum**

Lunch break

OPENING PRESS CONFERENCE BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR 1–1.45 p.m. Press Centre
Focus: Green Economy and launch of the UNEP Yearbook 2009

PARALLEL EVENT 1–2.45 p.m. Conference Room 2
Meeting of Commonwealth Consultative Group on Environment (closed meeting)

SPECIAL EVENT 1 1.30–2.30 p.m. Conference Room 12	SPECIAL EVENT 2 1.30–2.30 p.m. Conference Room 13

MONDAY, 16 FEBRUARY

LAUNCH OF EXHIBITION 2–2.30 p.m. Upper Concourse
Green Olympics Exhibition

Afternoon

MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIONS 3–6.30 p.m. Conference Room 2	COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3–6 p.m. Conference Room 1
Item 4 (b): Emerging policy issues **Theme I: Globalization and the Environment: "Global Crises: National Chaos? Theme II: International Environmental Governance and United Nations Reform: "IEG: Help or Hindrance?"** **O P E N I N G P L E N A R Y** ***'The nature and scale of current environment and development challenges and opportunities'.*** **3 – 3.05 p.m. Opening by the President** **3.05 – 3.15 p.m. Moderator introduction** **3.15 – 3.45 p.m. Keynote presentation** **3.45 – 6 p.m. Panel** **6 – 6.30 p.m. President & Moderator wrap-up** Ministers will be provided a comprehensive update on the challenges and opportunities and the international response, to the food, energy, water and financial crises, in the context of a changing climate, and the governance dimension of each. This session will serve as a platform upon which informed debate and dialogue can follow based upon a common understanding of the current situation.	**Organization of the work of the Committee** **Election of the Rapporteur** **Introductory statement by the secretariat** **Item 4:** Policy issues (a) State of the environment; (c) International environmental governance; (d) Coordination and cooperation within the United Nations system on environmental matters; (e) Coordination and cooperation with major groups; (f) Contribution of the United Nations Environment Programme as an implementing agency of the Global Environment Facility **Item 5:** Follow-up to and implementation of the outcomes of United Nations summits and major intergovernmental meetings, including the decisions of the Governing Council **Item 6:** Budget and programme of work for the biennium 2010–2011 and the Environment Fund and other budgetary matters. **Item 7:** Provisional agenda, date and venue of future sessions of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum: (a) Eleventh special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum; (b) Twenty-sixth session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum. **N.B.** Detailed programme of the Committee of the Whole will be decided at its first meeting on Monday, 16 February.

Evening

SOCIAL EVENT 6.30 p.m.(immediately after the closure of the ministerial consultations) Fountain area
Reception hosted by the President of the Council/Forum and the Executive Director **Unveiling of the Polar Bear Statue**

TUESDAY, 17 FEBRUARY

Morning

MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIONS 9 a.m.–1 p.m. Conference Room 2	COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Conference Room 1
Item 4 (b): Emerging policy issues **"Global crises: national chaos?" – *Towards a green economy*** **P L E N A R Y (1)** **9 - 9.05 a.m. Opening by the President** **9.05 – 9.15 a.m. Moderator's introduction** **9.15 – 9.45 a.m. Keynote presentation** **9.45 – 11 a.m. Panel** **11 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. Plenary** **12.30 – 1 p.m. President & Moderator wrap-up**	**Items 4 (a), (c), (d), (e) and (f), 5, 6 and 7**

Lunch break

SPECIAL EVENT 3 1.30–2.30 p.m. Conference Room 12	SPECIAL EVENT 4 1.30–2.30 p.m. Conference Room 13

Afternoon

MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIONS 3–5 p.m. Conference Rooms 3 [E/F/additional language], 4 [E/A/R/C] and 10 [E/S]	COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3–6 p.m. Conference Room 1
Item 4 (b): Emerging policy issues **"Global crises: national chaos?" – *Towards a green economy*** **3 Parallel Ministerial Roundtable Discussions** **FOCUS:** What are the elements of a "green economy" and what are the political challenges in making the transition?' How can the transition to a green economy be carried forward and by whom? How will the transition to a green economy help countries to meet multiple environment and development challenges?	**Items 4 (a), (c), (d), (e) and (f), 5, 6 and 7**

Evening

SOCIAL/SPECIAL EVENT 7 p.m. - National Museum of Kenya[1]
Reception hosted by the Government of Kenya and the Government of Czech Republic

[1] Transport arrangements to be made.

WEDNESDAY, 18 FEBRUARY

Morning

MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIONS 9 a.m.–1 p.m. Conference Room 2	COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Conference Room 1
Item 4 (b): Emerging policy issues **"Global crises: national chaos?" – *Coping with multiple challenges and capturing the opportunities*** **P L E N A R Y (2)** **9 – 9.05 a.m. Opening by the President** **9.05 – 9.15 a.m. Moderator's introduction** **9.15 – 9.45 a.m. Keynote presentation** **9.45 – 11 a.m. Panel** **11 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. Plenary** **12.30 – 1 p.m. President & Moderator wrap-up**	**Items 4 (a), (c), (d), (e) and (f), 5, 6 and 7**

Lunch break

SPECIAL EVENT 5 1.30–2.30 p.m. Conference Room 12	SPECIAL EVENT 6 1.30–2.30 p.m. Conference Room 13

LAUNCH OF EXHIBITION 2–2.30 p.m. Upper Concourse
Czech Exhibition

Afternoon

MINISTERIAL MEETING ORGANIZED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF DENMARK 3–7 p.m. Conference Room 2	COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3–6 p.m. Conference Room 1
Ministerial meeting on climate change, organized by the Government of Denmark, the host Government of COP-15 to UNFCCC in 2009	**Items 4 (a), (c), (d), (e) and (f), 5, 6 and 7**

Evening

SASAKAWA AWARD CEREMONY 7.15–8.45 p.m. Conference Room 2
Award Ceremony of the UNEP Sasakawa Prize ▪ The entire Council/Forum will be invited ▪ Six languages interpretation (plus a possible additional language) ▪ Cocktail reception immediately following the award ceremony

THURSDAY, 19 FEBRUARY

Morning

MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIONS 9 a.m.–1 p.m. Conference Room 2	COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Conference Room 1
Item 4 (b): Emerging policy issues **"IEG – Help or hindrance?" – *IEG from a country perspective*** **P L E N A R Y (3)** **9 – 9.05 a.m. Opening by the President** **9.05 – 9.15 a.m. Moderator's introduction** **9.15 – 9.45 a.m. Keynote presentation** **9.45 – 11 a.m. Panel** **11 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. Plenary** **12.30 – 1 p.m. President & Moderator wrap-up**	**Items 4 (a), (c), (d), (e) and (f), 5, 6 and 7**

Lunch break

SPECIAL EVENT 7 1.30–2.30 p.m. Conference Room 12	SPECIAL EVENT 8 1.30–2.30 p.m. Conference Room 13

PARALLEL EVENT 1–3 p.m. Conference Room 2
EU-AMCEN ministerial meeting (closed meeting)

THURSDAY, 19 FEBRUARY

Afternoon

PLENARY-MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIONS 3–5 p.m. Conference Room 3 [E/F/additional language], 4 [E/A/R/C] and 10 [E/S]	COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3–6 p.m. Conference Room 1
Item 4 (b): Emerging policy issues **"IEG – Help or hindrance?" – *IEG from a country perspective*** **3 Parallel Ministerial Roundtable Discussions** **FOCUS:** Are current governance arrangements up to the challenge? Is the global environmental architecture helping or hindering country level responses? Are new financial mechanisms further fracturing the IEG landscape? What changes are needed to move towards global environmental governance that is able to respond to current and future challenges and opportunities at the country level? How will we get there?	**Items 4 (a), (c), (d), (e) and (f), 5, 6 and 7** **Item 8:** Adoption of the report and conclusion of the work of the Committee

EVENING

PLENARY-MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIONS Synthesis Session 6–7 p.m. Conference Room 2 [6 languages]
*The **synthesis session** will be a brief interactive session that draws upon the outcomes from all of the discussions. It will review what messages could be sent by the world's environment ministers through the President's Summary to the UN system, to Governments, the business community, and civil society on the topics under discussion.*

FRIDAY, 20 FEBRUARY

Morning

PLENARY 9 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**

Lunch break

PRESS CONFERENCE BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR 1–2 p.m. Press Centre
Focus: wrapup press conference

SPECIAL EVENT 9 1.30–2.30 p.m. Conference Room 12	SPECIAL EVENT 10 1.30–2.30 p.m. Conference Room 13

Afternoon

PLENARY 3–6 p.m. Conference Room 2	
Item 3:	Credentials of the representatives
Item 8:	Other matters
Item 9:	Adoption of the report
Item 10:	Closure of the session

SATURDAY, 21 FEBRUARY

Morning-Afternoon

FIELD EXCURSION Details to be decided
With a view to demonstrating the themes of GC-25/GMEF, a field excursion is to be organized (Olkaria geothermal plan is suggested). Detailed information, including the registration for participation will found in the Daily Journal.