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**Draft decisions prepared by the subcommittee on international  
environmental governance established by the Committee of the  
Whole**

The annex to the present note sets out draft decisions prepared by the subcommittee on international environmental governance established by the Committee of the Whole. The draft decisions are presented as submitted by the subcommittee, without formal editing.

## Annex

### **Draft decisions prepared by the subcommittee on international environmental governance established by the Committee of the Whole**

#### **1. Accountability and financial and administrative arrangements between the United Nations Environment Programme and the multilateral environmental agreements for which it provides the secretariat or performs secretariat functions**

*The Governing Council,*

*Reiterating* paragraph 18 of its decision 26/9 of 24 February 2011, as the basis for further work,

*Having considered* the progress report submitted by the Executive Director on the implementation of paragraph 18 of Governing Council decision 26/9,

1. *Notes* the progress made and action taken by the United Nations Environment Programme on the implementation of paragraph 18 of decision 26/9;
2. *Requests* the Executive Director to provide to the twenty-seventh session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum a report on the full implementation of paragraph 18 of decision 26/9 with a view to examining how to further strengthen the cooperation and coordination between the United Nations Environment Programme and the relevant multilateral environmental agreements;
3. *Emphasizes* the need to further consult with the relevant multilateral environmental agreement secretariats, the United Nations Board of Auditors, the Office of Legal Affairs and all relevant bodies, and include their input and commentaries in the report including information on the legal bases of accountability issues and the financial and administrative arrangements.

#### **2. Enhanced coordination across the United Nations system, including the Environment Management Group**

*The Governing Council*

*Recognizing* the role of the United Nations Environment Programme in enhancing coordination and collaboration across the United Nations system to achieve greater coherence in environmental activities, *Recalling* its decision 26/11, on enhanced coordination across the United Nations system, including the Environment Management Group,

*Welcoming* the efforts of the Executive Director, including in his capacity as Chair of the Environment Management Group, and those of the Group's members, in promoting cooperation across the United Nations system on environmental activities,

*Expressing appreciation* for the progress report prepared under the guidance of the senior officials of the Environment Management Group at their seventeenth meeting and as presented by the Executive Director,<sup>1</sup>

*Commending* the Group on its progress in enhancing United Nations system-wide interagency coordination related to specific issues in the field of environment and human settlements.

*Welcoming* in particular the Group's contribution to the tenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, and its decision to continue its support for the drylands agenda across the United Nations system,

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1 UNEP/GCSS.XII/10.

*Expressing* appreciation for the Group's contribution to the preparatory process for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development through its reports "Working towards a Balanced and Inclusive Green Economy: A United Nations System-wide Perspective" and "Advancing the Environmental and Social Sustainability in the UN System",<sup>2</sup>

1. *Supports* the Group's continued efforts to mainstream environmental considerations into activities at the programme, management and operational levels in close cooperation with the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination and its subsidiary bodies;

2. *Encourages* the Group to continue to promote coherence in environmental activities across the United Nations system, including by mainstreaming environmental concerns into sectoral programmes, through such measures as:

(a) Contributing to the implementation of the international agenda on biodiversity and, in particular, the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011–2020 adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity at its tenth meeting;<sup>3</sup>

(b) Preparing for consideration by the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification at its eleventh session a United Nations system-wide action plan for the period 2012–2018 on follow-up to its report on drylands;<sup>4</sup>

3. *Also encourages* the Group to continue its consultations on advancing the framework for environmental and social sustainability in the United Nations system and to move towards environmental sustainability management systems and climate neutrality in the United Nations;

4. *Requests* the Executive Director in his capacity as Chair of the Group to provide a progress report on the Group's work to the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum at its twenty-seventh session;

5. *Invites* the Executive Director in his capacity as the Chair of the Group to transmit a progress report on the Group's work to the governing bodies of the Group's member organizations, through the heads of those organizations, for their information.

6. *Invites* the Executive Director in the development of the draft programme of work for the biennium 2014-2015 to submit, for consideration of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, proposals about the allocation of resources for the Environment Management Group's activities to better reflect the workload of the Environment Management Group secretariat.

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2 To be published on the Group's website at [www.unemg.org](http://www.unemg.org).

3 Decision X/2, annex.

4 "Global Drylands: A UN system-wide response".