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ПРОГРАММА ОРГАНИЗАЦИИ ОБЪЕДИНЕННЫХ НАЦИЙ ПО ОКРУЖАЮЩЕЙ СРЕДЕ

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9 March 2000

## NOTIFICATION BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Global Ministerial Environment Forum  
Sixth special session of the Governing Council of the  
United Nations Environment Programme  
(Malmö, Sweden)

1. The first Global Ministerial Environment Forum – the sixth special session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) – will be held in Malmö, Sweden, from 29 to 31 May 2000. The session will open at 11 a.m. on Monday, 29 May 2000. The Forum is being convened in pursuance of Governing Council decision 20/17 of 5 February 1999, entitled "Views of the Governing Council on the report of the Secretary-General on environment and human settlements", and General Assembly resolution 53/242 of 28 July 1999, entitled "Report of the Secretary-General on environment and human settlements", and in accordance with rules 5 and 6 of the rules of procedure of the Governing Council.
2. The provisional agenda (UNEP/GCSS.VI/1) is being circulated with the present notification. The annotated provisional agenda (UNEP/GCSS.VI/1/Add.1), containing the Executive Director's suggestions concerning the organization of work of the session and a proposed provisional time-table of meetings, will be circulated together with all documents four weeks before the session.
3. The purpose of the first Global Ministerial Environment Forum is to institute a process for regaining policy coherence in the field of the environment, in direct response to the need for such action emphasized in the report of the Secretary-General on environment and human settlements (A/53/463). The Forum will provide environment ministers from around the world with a significant opportunity to engage in strategic policy discussions on major global environmental challenges in the new century, and to make recommendations on policy responses to address such issues to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly - the Millennium Assembly. Furthermore, ministers will have an opportunity to strengthen constructive partnerships involving governments, international organizations, the business community and other components of civil society with a view to enhancing the effectiveness of efforts to achieve environmental protection and sustainable development.

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4. The discussions will be undertaken primarily through ministerial consultations. In parallel, a Committee of the Whole will meet to prepare a Malmö Declaration and to consider issues of relevance arising from the ministerial consultations.

5. A list of the member States of the Governing Council in 2000 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 the Committee of the Whole is expected to discuss matters that have been considered at the Committee of Permanent Representatives, governments may wish to consider the benefit of including their Permanent Representatives in their delegations.

6. Member States of the Governing Council are accordingly requested to submit to the Executive Director as soon as possible, but no later than 15 April 2000, the names of their representatives, alternate representatives and advisers who will participate in the first Global Ministerial Environment Forum, in order to enable the host Government to make the necessary arrangements for the Forum.

7. Registration of participants will take place from 1 p.m. on Sunday, 28 May 2000. Information for participants regarding hotel accommodation, medical requirements, visa regulations, etc. will be provided, together with registration forms, four weeks before the session.

8. All communications concerning the first Global Ministerial Environment Forum should be addressed to:

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## Annex I

MEMBER 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 *	
Libya **	

\* Members whose terms expire on 31 December 2001.

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

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

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 \*

LATIN AMERICAN GROUP

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

ASIAN GROUP

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

WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHER GROUPS

Austria \*  
Belgium \*\*  
Canada \*\*  
France \*  
Germany \*  
Italy \*\*  
Kazakhstan \*  
Netherlands \*\*  
Norway\*\*  
Republic of Moldova \*\*  
Turkey \*  
United Kingdom of Great Britain  
and Northern Ireland \*\*  
United States of America \*

## EASTERN EUROPEAN GROUP

Belarus \*

Denmark\*\*

Hungary \*

Poland \*\*

Russian Federation \*

Slovakia \*\*

\* Members whose terms expire on 31 December 2000.

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

## Annex II

GEOGRAPHICAL COMPOSITION OF THE BUREAU OF THE  
UNEP GOVERNING COUNCIL, 1981 -2001

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	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1987	1989	1991	1993
REGIONAL GROUP									
African Group	VP	VP	Rapp	Pres	VP	VP	VP	Rapp	Pres
Asian Group	VP	Rapp	VP	VP	Pres	VP	Rapp	VP	VP
Eastern European Group	VP	Pres	VP	Rapp	VP	VP	Pres	VP	Rapp
Latin American and the Caribbean Group	Pres	VP	VP	VP	Rapp	Pres	VP	VP	VP
Western European and Others Group	Rapp	VP	Pres	VP	VP	Rapp	VP	Pres	VP

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Note:                    Pres -     President  
                               VP -     Vice-President  
                               Rapp -    Rapporteur

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