Draft decision on the provisional agenda, date and venue of the fourth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly

The United Nations Environment Assembly,


Taking into account Governing Council decisions 27/1 and 27/2 of 22 February 2013, as well as United Nations Environment Assembly resolutions 1/2 of 27 June 2014 and 2/22 of 27 May 2016,

Recognizing the commendable work done by the bureaux of the United Nations Environment Assembly and the Committee of Permanent Representatives in preparing the Environment Assembly through regular meetings under a model of joint cooperation,

Noting with appreciation the contributions by the Committee of Permanent Representatives and by the Environment Assembly bureau including at the third open-ended meeting of the Committee of the Permanent Representatives to the provisional agenda for the fourth session of the Environment Assembly,

1. Decides to hold the fourth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly at its headquarters in Nairobi from 11 – 15 March 2019;

2. Requests the Committee of Permanent Representatives to deliberate, in consultation with the bureau of the Environment Assembly, and decide, no later than at its 142nd meeting, on the format and date of the next meeting of the open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives;

3. Further decides to hold sessions of the Environment Assembly, following the fourth session of the Environment Assembly, during the last week of February, unless otherwise decided by the Environment Assembly, at its headquarters in Nairobi, consistent with rule 4 of the rules of procedure;
4. Approves the provisional agenda for the fourth session as follows:
   1. Opening of the session;
   2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work;
   3. Credentials of representatives;
   4. Report of the Committee of Permanent Representatives;
   5. International environmental policy and governance issues;
   6. Programme of work and budget, and other administrative and budgetary issues;
   7. Stakeholder engagement;
   8. High-level segment;
   9. Provisional agenda, date and venue of the fifth session of the Environment Assembly;
   10. Adoption of resolutions, decisions and outcome document of the session;
   11. Election of officers;
   12. Other matters;
   13. Adoption of the report;
   14. Closure of the session;

5. Requests the Committee of Permanent Representatives, in consultation with the bureau of the Environment Assembly, to contribute to the preparation of elaborated elements of the provisional agenda, set out in paragraph 4 above;

6. Further requests the Bureau of the Environment Assembly, in consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives, to define a theme for the Environment Assembly no later than 31 March 2018;

7. Encourages Member States to submit to the Committee of Permanent Representatives draft proposals for consideration by the Environment Assembly desirably five weeks in advance of the fourth meeting of the open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives, without prejudice to the rules of procedure, in particular rule 44.