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Adoption of the report

Draft decisions approved by the Committee of the Whole

The annex to the present note sets out draft decisions approved by the Committee of the Whole.

In the interest of time the draft decisions are being submitted for consideration by the plenary without formal editing.

Annex

1. International environmental governance

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decision 25/4 of 20 February 2009, in which it decided to establish a consultative group of ministers or high-level representatives, which was requested to conclude its work and present a set of options of improving international environmental governance to the Governing Council/Global ministerial Environment Forum at the current session, with a view to providing inputs to the General Assembly,

Expressing thanks to the Governments of Serbia and Italy for hosting the meetings of the consultative group in Belgrade and Rome, respectively, and gratitude to the Minister of Environment, Land and Sea of Italy and the Minister of Environment and Mineral Resources of Kenya for co-chairing the consultative group and appreciation to the Executive Director for serving as advisor to the group,

1. *Welcomes* with appreciation the result of the process requested in decision 25/4 ;
2. Takes note of the set of options for improving international environmental governance identified by the consultative group, which is set out in the annex to the present decision;
3. *Requests* the Executive Director to identify, in full consultation with all Governments through the Committee of Permanent Representatives, the incremental changes in the set of options, within the mandate of the United Nations Environment Programme, that can be immediately implemented in 2010-2011 and those to be integrated into the development of the programme of work 2012-2013, and to present a report on the matter to the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum at its twenty-sixth session;
4. *Invites* the President of the Governing Council to transmit the set of options to the General Assembly at its 64th session as an input to the continuing process of improving international environmental governance;
5. *Decides* to establish a regionally representative, consultative group of ministers or high-level representatives, inviting each United Nations region to propose between four and six Governments to participate, while remaining open to participation by other interested Governments. In this regard requests the Executive Director to seek additional extra-budgetary resources to facilitate further participation of developing countries in addition to the nominated regional representatives;
6. *Decides* that the group will have two co-chairs, one from a developing country and one from a developed country, and requests the Executive Director to participate as the adviser to the group, which will also comprise high-level representatives of relevant United Nations agencies, designated through the Environment Management Group;
7. *Requests* the Executive Director, in his capacity as Chair of the Environment Management Group, to invite the United Nations system to provide input to the group, including by assessing gaps, needs and considerations related to how the United Nations system is currently achieving the identified objectives and functions for international environmental governance;
8. *Decides* that the group will consider the broader reform of the international environmental governance system building on the set of options while remaining open to new ideas;
9. *Invites* the consultative group, through the United Nations Environment Programme secretariat, to seek relevant inputs from civil society groups from each region in the further process of strengthening international environmental governance;
10. *Decides* that the group will conclude its work in a timely fashion and present a final report to the Governing Council at its twenty-sixth session in anticipation of the Council's contribution in time for the second meeting of the open-ended preparatory committee of United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development and to the sixty-fifth session of United Nations General Assembly;
11. *Also requests* the Executive Director to seek extrabudgetary resources, to facilitate the participation in the meetings of the developing countries;
12. *Requests* countries in a position to do so to provide financial support for the participation of representatives of developing countries.

Annex

[Insert the “Set of options” for improving international environmental governance contained in Annex to document UNEP/GCSS.XI/4]

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

The Governing Council,

Recalling section VI of decision 25/1 of 20 February 2009, on enhanced coordination across the United Nations system, including the Environment Management Group,

Taking note of the report of the Executive Director on enhanced coordination across the United Nations system,¹

Welcoming the progress in the implementation of the memorandum of understanding between the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Environment Programme and the contribution by the United Nations Environment Programme towards enhanced coordination across the United Nations system at the country level, as presented in the above-mentioned report,

Welcoming also the progress by the Environment Management Group in facilitating cooperation across the United Nations system to assist Member States in implementing the environmental agenda, as presented in the above-mentioned report,

1. *Encourages* the Executive Director to take further action to expedite the implementation of the said memorandum of understanding, in particular through the immediate establishment of the joint working group provided for under that memorandum and requests an annual report to be submitted to the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum on progress in the implementation of that memorandum;

2. *Requests* the Executive Director to strengthen further the regional offices to enhance their capacity to participate effectively in the processes at the regional and country levels to mainstream environmental sustainability in common country assessments and United Nations Development Assistance Frameworks, using when appropriate planning instruments at the regional and national levels;

3. *Encourages* the Environment Management Group to continue its cooperation, including by working with the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination and its subsidiary bodies in enhancing:

(a) The promotion of sustainable management practices in the United Nations system, including by making further progress towards climate neutrality and sustainable procurement;

(b) The cooperation in programming environmental activities in the United Nations system, in the areas of biodiversity, land degradation and green economy, including by supporting the implementation of the strategic plans of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa;² and of the Convention on Biological Diversity, including the post-2010 biodiversity targets and by assessing how the United Nations system could more coherently assist countries in making the transition to a green economy;

(c) Coherence in mainstreaming environmental considerations in United Nations operational activities at the country level, in particular by identifying options for the development of a possible United Nations system-wide approach to environmental aspects.

1 UNEP/GCSS.XI/3.

2 ICCD/COP(8)/16/Add.1.