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Chapter I

Opening of the session (agenda item 1)

1. Owing to the exceptional circumstances associated with the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, the bureaux of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme and of the Committee of Permanent Representatives decided, at their joint meeting held on 1 December 2020, that the fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly would be held in two parts, comprising an online meeting, to be held on 22 and 23 February 2021, and a resumed in-person meeting, to be held in February 2022.

2. Accordingly, the online meeting of the fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly having been held on 22 and 23 February 2021, the in-person meeting of the fifth session was convened at the headquarters of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) from 28 February to 2 March 2022, with the opportunity for online participation.

3. The session was opened at 10.10 a.m. on Monday, 28 February 2022, by Mr. Espen Barth Eide, President of the Environment Assembly. Opening statements were delivered by Mr. Barth Eide; Ms. Inger Andersen, Executive Director of UNEP; Ms. Zainab Hawa Bangura, Director-General of the United Nations Office at Nairobi; and Mr. Keriako Tobiko, Cabinet Secretary for the Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Kenya.¹

¹ A fuller account of the discussions of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme at its resumed fifth session, including summaries of the opening and general statements and of the Assembly's deliberations on the substantive issues before it, is contained in the proceedings of the session ([UNEP/EA.5/28](#)).

Chapter II

Organization of work (agenda item 2)

A. Attendance

4. The following Member States were represented: Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

5. The following non-Member States were represented: Cook Islands, Holy See and State of Palestine.

6. The following United Nations bodies, conventions and related secretariats were represented: Department of Economic and Social Affairs; Department of Political Affairs; Department of Safety and Security; Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific; Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia; Economic Commission for Europe; Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean; Executive Office of the Secretary-General; Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change; International Labour Organization; Office of the High Representatives for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States; Ozone secretariat; secretariat of the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds; secretariat of the Agreement on the Conservation of Populations of European Bats; secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions; secretariat of the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean (Barcelona Convention); secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity; secretariat of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals; secretariat of the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance, especially as Waterfowl Habitat; secretariat of the Intergovernmental

Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services; secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury; secretariat of the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management; secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa; secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change; United Nations Conference on Trade and Development; United Nations Development Programme; United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women; United Nations Environment Programme; United Nations Human Settlements Programme; United Nations Institute for Training and Research; United Nations Office at Geneva; United Nations Office at Nairobi; United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights; United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees; United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime; United Nations System Staff College; United Nations University; United Nations Volunteers.

7. The following United Nations specialized agencies and related organizations were represented: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; International Atomic Energy Agency; International Civil Aviation Organization; International Fund for Agricultural Development; United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; United Nations Industrial Development Organization; International Criminal Court; International Organization for Migration; International Seabed Authority; International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea; Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons; Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization; World Trade Organization.

8. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented: Africa Institute; Commission for Environment Cooperation; East African Community; European Investment Bank; European Union; Global Environment Facility; Green Climate Fund; International Centre for Research in Agroforestry; International Chamber of Commerce; International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea; International Maritime Organization; International Union for Conservation of Nature; Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services; League of Arab States; Nordic Development Fund; Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme; South Asia Cooperative Environment Programme; Union for the Mediterranean; World Organization for Animal Health.

9. In addition, a number of non-governmental and civil society organizations were represented as observers.

B. Election of officers (agenda item 13)

10. At its 1st plenary meeting, in accordance with rule 19 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, the Environment Assembly elected, by acclamation, Mr. Silvano Tjong-Ahin (Suriname) as a Vice-President for the fifth session of the Assembly, to replace Mr. Reggy Nelson (Suriname), for the remainder of his term.

11. At its 7th plenary meeting, in accordance with rule 18 of its rules of procedure, the Environment Assembly elected by acclamation the following officers to serve at its sixth session:

President:	Ms. Leila Benali (Morocco)
Vice-Presidents:	Mr. Joaquim Leite (Brazil)

Mr. Carlos Eduardo Correa (Colombia)

Mr. Jafar Barmaki (Iran, Islamic Republic of)

Mr. Malik Amin Aslam (Pakistan)

Mr. João Pedro Matos Fernandes (Portugal)

Mr. Abdou Karim Sall (Senegal)

Mr. Ján Budaj (Slovakia)

Mr. Zac Goldsmith (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

Rapporteur: Mr. Oleksandr Krasnolutskyi (Ukraine)

C. Credentials of representatives (agenda item 3)

12. At its 7th plenary meeting, on the afternoon of Wednesday, 2 March 2022, in resuming its consideration of the item, the Chair reported that the Bureau had received and examined the credentials of Member States submitted in accordance with rules 16 and 17 of the rules of procedure of the Environment Assembly. As of 1 March 2022, 28 Member States had submitted formal credentials issued by the Head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs to the Executive Director of UNEP. A further 124 Member States had submitted information on the appointment of their representative to the Environment Assembly to the Executive Director by means of a scanned copy in electronic form of formal credentials signed by the Head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs, or by means of a scanned copy of a letter or note verbale from the permanent mission concerned, or by means of another form of official communication. A total of 41 Member States had not communicated any information regarding their representatives to the Executive Director.

13. With regard to Myanmar, the Committee had decided, in accordance with the decision of the General Assembly of the United Nations on the same matter, to defer any action on the credentials of the representatives pending further guidance from the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly.

14. The Bureau recommended that the Environment Assembly accept the credentials of the Member States.

15. The Environment Assembly took note of the report of the Bureau on credentials.

D. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work (agenda item 2)

1. Adoption of the agenda

16. The Chair recalled that, at the online meeting of its fifth session, the Environment Assembly had adopted the agenda for the session on the basis of the provisional agenda (UNEP/EA.5/1/Rev.1), which had subsequently been revised to reflect the dates of the in-person meeting of the fifth session. The following agenda was adopted on the basis of the provisional agenda (UNEP/EA.5/1/Rev.2):

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. Contributions to the meetings of the high-level political forum on sustainable development and implementation of the environmental dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
9. Commemoration of the creation of the United Nations Environment Programme by the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment held in Stockholm from 5 to 16 June 1972.
10. High-level segment.
11. Provisional agenda and dates of the sixth session of the Environment Assembly.
12. Adoption of the resolutions, decisions and outcome document of the session.
13. Election of officers.
14. Other matters.
15. Adoption of the report of the session.
16. Closure of the session.

2. Organization of work

17. In accordance with rule 60 of its rules of procedure, the Environment Assembly decided to establish a committee of the whole for the consideration of various items of its agenda. The Assembly also decided, in accordance with the recommendations of the Bureau, that the Committee of the Whole would be chaired by Ms. Andrea Meza Murillo (Costa Rica), that Ms. Selma Haddadi (Algeria) would serve as rapporteur and that it would consider item 5, international environmental policy and governance issues, item 9, commemoration of the creation of the United Nations Environment Programme by the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment held in Stockholm from 5 to 16 June 1972, and item 11, provisional agenda and dates of the sixth session of the Environment Assembly.

18. The Environment Assembly also decided that the time limit for statements in explanation of a vote before action and after action on a proposal be limited to three minutes. Regarding the right of reply, the Assembly decided that such right should be exercised at the end of the consideration of an item, with the number of interventions in the exercise of that right limited to two per item for any delegation at a given meeting, the first such intervention being limited to three minutes and the second to two minutes.

19. The Environment Assembly further decided that both modes of delivery for national statements, in-person statements and pre-recorded video statements, would be treated equally in terms of the order of statements; that the time limit for national statements would be three minutes for individual statements and five minutes for those speaking on behalf of a group of States; and that a leadership dialogue with the

multilateral environmental agreements followed by a multi-stakeholder dialogue on “Building back greener: international environmental protection and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals in the context of COVID-19” would be held on 1 March, and a leadership dialogue on “Strengthening actions for nature to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals” would be held on 2 March.

E. High-level segment (agenda item 10)

20. The 6th and 7th plenary meetings of the resumed fifth session took the form of a high-level segment under item 10 of the agenda. The segment consisted of a formal opening, at which opening statements were delivered by key high-level speakers, two interactive leadership dialogues and a multi-stakeholder dialogue on the overarching theme of “Strengthening actions for nature to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals”, and a wrap-up plenary session.

21. The high-level segment was opened at 10.20 a.m. on 2 March 2022. Opening statements were delivered by key high-level speakers.

22. An interactive leadership dialogue with the multilateral environmental agreements followed by a multi-stakeholder dialogue on “Building back greener: international environmental protection and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals in the context of COVID-19” were held on 1 March 2022.

23. An interactive dialogue on the overarching theme of “Strengthening actions for nature to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals” was held on 2 March 2022.

24. Further details on the high-level segment are provided in section X of the proceedings of the resumed fifth session (UNEP/EA.5/28)

F. Work of the Committee of the Whole

25. The Committee of the Whole held four meetings to consider the agenda items assigned to it, concluding its work on the evening of Tuesday, 1 March 2022. At the 7th plenary meeting of the resumed fifth session, the Chair of the Committee reported on the outcome of the work of the Committee.

26. The report on the work of the Committee is set out in annex III to the proceedings of the resumed fifth session (UNEP/EA.5/28).

G. Report of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (agenda item 4)

27. At the resumed fifth session, the Assembly resumed its consideration of the item. Ms. Luísa Fragoso, Permanent Representative of Portugal and Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, presented the report of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, including the outcomes of the resumed fifth meeting of the Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives, held from 21 to 25 February 2022 (UNEP/EA.5/INF/2/Rev.1).

28. Since the online meeting of the fifth session of the Environment Assembly, the Committee had held four regular meetings and one extraordinary meeting to elect its Bureau, in addition to many subcommittee meetings to exercise its review and oversight role and advance preparations for the in-person meeting of the fifth session

and the special session to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of UNEP.

29. In October 2021, the Committee had held its eighth annual subcommittee meeting, during which it had agreed that, as a result of the decision adopted at its extraordinary meeting on 23 June 2021, no further action was required in response to paragraph 7 of Environment Assembly decision 5/3, whereby the Committee was invited to consider, in view of systemic problems and in a comprehensive manner, the cycle of the term of office of the Bureau of the Committee in relation to that of the Bureau of the Environment Assembly. The Committee had also endorsed the outcome document of the consensual process for review by the Committee, as mandated by Environment Assembly decision 4/2.

30. At its 156th meeting, the Committee had endorsed the action plan for the implementation of subparagraphs (a)–(h) of paragraph 88 of the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development and had agreed that Member States should continue to consider the action plan in the context of the draft decision on the provisional agenda, date and venue of the sixth session of the Environment Assembly.

31. The Committee had endorsed the draft ministerial declaration for the fifth session of the Environment Assembly, without prejudice to the right of Member States to put forward further adjustments and improvements before its adoption.

32. Under item 4 of the agenda of its resumed fifth meeting, the Open-ended Committee had considered and taken note of the remaining official working documents submitted by the Executive Director to the Environment Assembly at its fifth session, in addition to several information documents. Under item 6, it had recommended that the Environment Assembly should defer consideration of its contribution to the high-level political forum on sustainable development and mandate the subcommittee of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to consider and finalize that contribution. Under item 8, it had considered 17 draft resolutions and one decision submitted by Member States and the secretariat. In that regard, she thanked the secretariat and the United Nations Office at Nairobi for their efforts to organize online, in-person and hybrid meetings. The Open-ended Committee had endorsed three draft resolutions at the closing meeting of its session, and significant further progress had subsequently been made informally under the leadership of the co-facilitators. Agreement had been reached on the text of the draft resolution on the sound management of chemicals and waste and on the text of the draft resolution on the creation of an intergovernmental negotiating committee towards an international legally binding agreement on plastic pollution.

33. Following informal consultations, the draft political declaration of the special session of the United Nations Environment Assembly to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of UNEP had also been agreed, subject to final confirmation by one delegation regarding a preambular paragraph.

34. In closing, she thanked her fellow members of the Committee for their hard work, commitment and guidance, the secretariat for its support, and the former Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, Mr. Fernando Coimbra, Permanent Representative of Brazil to UNEP, who had led the Committee until June 2021.

35. The Environment Assembly took note of the report of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.

36. The Assembly decided to defer the adoption of draft resolutions on the animal welfare–environment–sustainable development nexus; on sustainable nitrogen management; and on the future of the Global Environment Outlook to the closing plenary on 2 March 2022.

37. The Assembly also decided to allocate to the Committee of the Whole the task of finalizing and endorsing the remaining draft decision and resolutions.

Chapter III

Matters requiring the special attention of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council

38. In its resolution 76/208 of 17 December 2021, the General Assembly of the United Nations welcomed the continued commitment of the United Nations Environment Assembly to contribute to the effective implementation of the environmental dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in an integrated manner, including through its contributions to the high-level political forum on sustainable development. The high-level political forum offers a unique opportunity and an appropriate institutional framework to ensure such integration as well as follow-up of the collective decisions taken by the world's ministers for the environment at sessions of the Environment Assembly. Member States are invited to consider further actions to that end.

39. To fully utilize the existing institutional links between the Environment Assembly and the Economic and Social Council and the high-level political forum, Member States may wish:

(a) To consider the ministerial declaration of the Environment Assembly at its resumed fifth session (UNEP/EA.5/HLS.1) entitled "Strengthening actions for nature to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals" and the political declaration of the Environment Assembly at its special session entitled "Political declaration of the special session of the United Nations Environment Assembly to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the United Nations Environment Programme" (UNEP/EA.SS/1/4) in their deliberations on the ministerial declaration at the 2022 sessions of the high-level political forum and the Economic and Social Council, with a view to accelerating the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

(b) To consider aspects of the various resolutions adopted by the Environment Assembly at its resumed fifth session that are relevant to the preparatory processes for the provision of inputs to the submissions and policy recommendations to the high-level political forum, as well as for the preparation of the presentation of voluntary national reviews.

40. In its resolution 76/208, the General Assembly took note with appreciation of the preparations to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the creation of UNEP by the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, held in Stockholm from 5 to 16 June 1972; looked forward to the special session to commemorate UNEP@50, to be held in Nairobi on 3 and 4 March 2022; and decided that UNEP@50 would be the appropriate United Nations high-level meeting for the adoption of the political declaration pursuant to General Assembly resolution 73/333 of 30 August 2019.

41. The present report to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, presents an excellent opportunity to further integrate the outcomes of the resumed fifth session of the Environment Assembly into the work and discussions of the two bodies. The General Assembly is expected to consider the report of the resumed fifth session of the Environment Assembly at its seventy-seventh session. In that context, Member States may wish:

(a) To take note of the report, the ministerial declaration and the resolutions adopted by the Environment Assembly at its resumed fifth session, and of the political

declaration adopted by the Environment Assembly at its first special session to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the creation of UNEP;

(b) To welcome the decision of the Environment Assembly to convene an intergovernmental negotiating committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment, commencing its work during the second half of 2022, with the ambition of completing its work by the end of 2024 (Environment Assembly resolution 5/14);

(c) To welcome the decision of the Environment Assembly that a science-policy panel should be established to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and prevent pollution (Environment Assembly resolution 5/8);

(d) To welcome the decision of the Environment Assembly to convene the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly from 26 February to 1 March 2024 (Environment Assembly decision 5/4);

(e) To consider, as appropriate, the level of funding from the regular budget of the United Nations required to help UNEP to fulfil its mandate, taking into account the approved programme of work of the United Nations Environment Programme and General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972;

(f) To reaffirm the need to ensure the sustainability, predictability and stability of the funding of UNEP to enable the Programme to fulfil its mandate;

(g) To include in the provisional agenda of the seventy-ninth session of the General Assembly, under the item entitled “Sustainable development”, a sub-item entitled “Report of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme” to consider the outcomes of the sixth session of the Environment Assembly;

(h) To recommend the participation of the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Economic and Social Council in the meeting of the sixth session of the Environment Assembly, to be held from 26 February to 1 March 2024, in line with the spirit of integration and universality of the 2030 Agenda.

Chapter IV

International environmental policy and governance issues (agenda item 5)

42. Agenda item 5, and the draft resolutions and decision related to it, was considered by the Committee of the Whole. At the 7th plenary meeting of the resumed fifth session, the Chair of the Committee reported on the outcome of the work of the Committee. The Assembly took note of the report of the Committee. The report on the work of the Committee is set out in annex III to the proceedings of the resumed fifth session (UNEP/EA.5/28).

Chapter V

Programme of work and budget and other administrative and budgetary issues (agenda item 6)

43. The President recalled that the Environment Assembly had considered agenda item 6 at the first plenary session of the online meeting of the fifth session and had adopted by consensus the following decisions, which are set out in annex I to the proceedings of the United Nations Environment Assembly at its fifth session ([UNEP/EA.5/25](#)), covering the online meeting of the fifth session:

<i>Decision</i>	<i>Title</i>
5/1	Management of trust funds and earmarked contributions
5/2	Medium-term strategy for the period 2022–2025 and programme of work and budget for the biennium 2022–2023

44. There being no other matters under agenda item 6, the Assembly had concluded its consideration of the item.

Chapter VI

Stakeholder engagement (agenda item 7)

45. Mr. Ayman Cherkaoui, representative of the major groups and stakeholders, delivered a statement on behalf of those major groups and stakeholders.

Chapter VII

Contributions to the meetings of the high-level political forum on sustainable development and implementation of the environmental dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (agenda item 8)

46. In resuming its consideration of the item, the Assembly decided to defer consideration of its contribution to the 2022 high-level political forum on sustainable development to a future meeting of the subcommittee of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.

Chapter VIII

Commemoration of the creation of the United Nations Environment Programme by the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment held in Stockholm from 5 to 16 June 1972 (agenda item 9)

47. At the 7th plenary meeting, the Environment Assembly endorsed the draft resolution entitled “Political declaration of the special session of the United Nations Environment Assembly to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the United Nations Environment Programme” for consideration and possible adoption by the Environment Assembly at its first special session.

Chapter IX

Provisional agenda and dates of the sixth session of the Environment Assembly (agenda item 11)

48. Agenda item 11 and the draft decision related to it were considered by the Committee of the Whole. The report on the work of the Committee of the Whole is set out in annex III to the proceedings of the resumed fifth session (UNEP/EA.5/28).

49. At its 7th plenary meeting, the Environment Assembly adopted decision 5/4 on the provisional agenda, date and venue of the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly.

Chapter X

Adoption of the resolutions, decisions and outcome document of the session (agenda item 12)

50. At the 7th plenary meeting of its resumed fifth session, the Environment Assembly adopted the ministerial declaration entitled “Strengthening actions for nature to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals” (UNEP/EA.5/HLS.1), as orally revised.

51. Also at its 7th plenary meeting, the representative of Serbia introduced a draft resolution on sustainable lake management, which had been the subject of information consultations following the conclusion of the work of the Committee of the Whole.

52. At its 7th plenary meeting, the Environment Assembly adopted by consensus the following resolutions and decision. The individual resolutions are available in documents UNEP/EA/5/Res.1–UNEP/EA.5/Res.14. They are also available on the website of the Environment Assembly (<http://web.unep.org/environmentassembly>), together with decision 5/4.

<i>Resolution</i>	<i>Title</i>
5/1	Animal welfare-environment-sustainable development nexus
5/2	Sustainable nitrogen management
5/3	Future of the Global Environment Outlook
5/4	Sustainable lake management
5/5	Nature-based solutions for supporting sustainable development
5/6	Biodiversity and health
5/7	Sound management of chemicals and waste
5/8	Science-policy panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution
5/9	Sustainable and resilient infrastructure
5/10	The environmental dimension of a sustainable, resilient and inclusive post-COVID-19 recovery
5/11	Enhancing circular economy as a contribution to achieving sustainable consumption and production
5/12	Environmental aspects of minerals and metals management
5/13	Due regard to the principle of equitable geographical distribution, in accordance with paragraph 3 of Article 101 of the Charter of the United Nations
5/14	End plastic pollution: towards an international legally binding instrument

<i>Decision</i>	<i>Title</i>
5/4	Provisional agenda, date and venue of the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly

53. A summary of statements delivered by representatives with regard to the outcome of the session is set out in section XII of the proceedings of the resumed fifth session (UNEP/EA.5/28).

Chapter XI

Other matters (agenda item 14)

54. The Environment Assembly did not consider any other matters.

Chapter XII

Adoption of the report of the session (agenda item 15)

55. At the 7th plenary meeting of its resumed fifth session, the Environment Assembly adopted the proceedings on the basis of the draft proceedings that had been circulated, on the understanding that they would be completed and finalized by the Rapporteur, working in conjunction with the secretariat.

Chapter XIII

Closure of the session (agenda item 16)

56. Following the customary exchange of courtesies, the fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly was declared closed at 6.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 2 March 2022.

Annex I

Outcomes adopted by the United Nations Environment Assembly at its resumed fifth session*

<i>Resolution</i>	<i>Title</i>
5/1	Animal welfare-environment-sustainable development nexus (UNEP/EA.5/Res.1)
5/2	Sustainable nitrogen management (UNEP/EA.5/Res.2)
5/3	Future of the Global Environment Outlook (UNEP/EA.5/Res.3)
5/4	Sustainable lake management (UNEP/EA.5/Res.4)
5/5	Nature-based solutions for supporting sustainable development (UNEP/EA.5/Res.5)
5/6	Biodiversity and health (UNEP/EA.5/Res.6)
5/7	Sound management of chemicals and waste (UNEP/EA.5/Res.7)
5/8	Science-policy panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution (UNEP/EA.5/Res.8)
5/9	Sustainable and resilient infrastructure (UNEP/EA.5/Res.9)
5/10	The environmental dimension of a sustainable, resilient and inclusive post-COVID-19 recovery (UNEP/EA.5/Res.10)
5/11	Enhancing circular economy as a contribution to achieving sustainable consumption and production (UNEP/EA.5/Res.11)
5/12	Environmental aspects of minerals and metals management (UNEP/EA.5/Res.12)
5/13	Due regard to the principle of equitable geographical distribution, in accordance with paragraph 3 of Article 101 of the Charter of the United Nations (UNEP/EA.5/Res.13)
5/14	End plastic pollution: towards an international legally binding instrument (UNEP/EA.5/Res.14)
<i>Decision</i>	<i>Title</i>
5/4	Provisional agenda, date and venue of the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly

* The resolutions adopted by the Environment Assembly at its resumed fifth session are issued as stand-alone documents under the respective symbols specified above. The decision adopted by the Environment Assembly at its resumed fifth session is set out in annex II to the proceedings (UNEP/EA.5/28) and in annex II to the present report.

Annex II**Decision adopted by the United Nations Environment
Assembly at its resumed fifth session, on 2 March 2022**

<i>Decision</i>	<i>Title</i>
5/4	Provisional agenda, date and venue of the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly

Decision 5/4. Provisional agenda, date and venue of the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly

The United Nations Environment Assembly,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 2997 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972, 66/288 of 27 July 2012, 67/213 of 21 December 2012, 67/251 of 13 March 2013, 68/215 of 20 December 2013, 69/223 of 19 December 2014, 71/231 of 21 December 2016, 73/260 of 22 December 2018, 74/222 of 19 December 2019, and 76/208 of 17 December 2021,

Recalling also General Assembly resolutions 47/202 A (para. 17) of 22 December 1992, 54/248 of 23 December 1999, 56/242 of 24 December 2001, 57/283 B (paras. 9–11 of section II) of 15 April 2003, 61/236 (para. 9 of section II A) of 22 December 2006, 62/225 (para. 9 of section II A) of 22 December 2007, 63/248 (para. 9 of section II A) of 24 December 2008, 64/230 (para. 9 of section II A) of 22 December 2009, 65/245 (para. 10 of section II A) of 24 December 2010, 67/237 (para. 13 of section II A) of 28 January 2013, 71/262 (para. 27 of section II and para. 102 of section V) of 23 December 2016, 73/270 (para. 29 of section II) of 22 December 2018; 74/252 (para. 29 of section II and para. 117 of section V) of 27 December 2019; 75/244 (para. 31 of section II and para. 121 of section V) of 31 December 2020; and 76/237 (para. 31 of section II and para. 120 of section V) of 24 December 2021,

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 and decision 3/2 of 6 December 2017,

Recognizing the importance of the implementation of paragraph 88 of the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development entitled “The future we want”, welcoming progress made, including the establishment of the United Nations Environment Assembly, and stressing the importance of continued action,

Emphasizing that improving the effectiveness and efficiency of the existing governing bodies of the United Nations Environment Programme plays an important role in delivering on the environmental dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,

Recalling decision 5/3 of the United Nations Environment Assembly, in which, inter alia, the Assembly decided to adjourn the fifth session of the Assembly, and to resume the session by convening at its headquarters in Nairobi from 28 February to 2 March 2022 to conclude the consideration of its agenda,

Recalling that the decision to hold the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly and the sixth meeting of the Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives is to be without prejudice to resolution 2/22, in which the Assembly decided to hold its regular sessions and the open-ended meetings of the Committee of Permanent Representatives in odd numbered years commencing with its third session, in 2017,

1. *Endorses* the outcome of the stocktaking meeting for the process for review by the Committee of Permanent Representatives of the Environment Assembly and its subsidiary bodies, as agreed at the eighth meeting of the annual subcommittee of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, held in Nairobi from 25 to 29 October 2021.

2. *Decides* to hold the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly at the headquarters of the United Nations Environment Programme, in Nairobi;

3. *Also decides*, that the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly will be held in Nairobi from 26 February to 1 March 2024;

4. *Urges* the Environment Assembly at its sixth session, when considering the date and venue of its seventh session, to keep in mind its resolution 2/22, on the review of the cycle of the Environment Assembly and rule 1 of its rules of procedure concerning the recommended time between sessions of the Environment Assembly, and the need to approve the medium-term strategy for the period 2026–2029 and the programme of work and budget for the biennium 2026–2027 in 2025;

5. *Decides*, in accordance with paragraph 10 of Governing Council decision 27/2 of 22 February 2013, that the sixth meeting of the Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives will take place from 19 to 23 February 2024, and requests the Committee of Permanent Representatives to discuss, in consultation with the Bureau of the United Nations Environment Assembly, and decide on, the format and agenda of the meeting;

6. *Takes note* of the decision of the Intergovernmental Review Meeting on the Implementation of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities held on 15 February 2022, by which the meeting decided to hold no further sessions of the periodic Intergovernmental Review Meeting of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities, recognizing that the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme can continue to provide guidance on priorities and actions to address marine pollution from land-based activities;

7. *Approves* the provisional agenda for the sixth 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. Contributions to the meetings of the high-level political forum on sustainable development and implementation of the environmental dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
9. High-level segment
10. Provisional agenda, date and venue of the seventh session of the Environment Assembly
11. Adoption of the resolutions, decisions and outcome document of the session

12. Election of officers
13. Other matters
14. Adoption of the report
15. Closure of the session

8. *Requests* the Committee of Permanent Representatives, in consultation with the Bureau of the United Nations Environment Assembly, to contribute to the preparation of the annotations to the provisional agenda set out in paragraph 7 above;

9. *Requests* the Bureau of the United Nations Environment Assembly, in consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives, to define a theme for the sixth session of the Environment Assembly no later than twelve months in advance of the sixth session;

10. *Strongly encourages* Member States to submit draft resolutions for consideration by the United Nations Environment Assembly at its sixth session, preferably at least ten weeks in advance of the sixth meeting of the Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives, taking into account the theme of the sixth session of the Environment Assembly and the limited time and resources available for the negotiation of the resolutions during the sixth meeting of the Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives and the sixth session of the Environment Assembly, without prejudice to the rules of procedure, in particular rule 44;

11. *Takes note of* the action plan for the implementation of subparagraphs (a)–(h) of paragraph 88 of the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development and notes that the Executive Director will mainstream elements of the plan into future UNEP medium-term strategies and programmes of work which shall be closely monitored for impact, and will undertake consultations with the Committee of Permanent Representatives to support the implementation of the plan;

12. *Decides* to adjust the logo and visual identity of the United Nations Environment Programme in accordance with option 1 in the document entitled “Background document for agenda item 6: visual identity of the UN Environment Programme” presented by the secretariat at the meeting of the subcommittee of the Committee of Permanent Representatives held on 12 September 2019 and as have been used since that time;

13. *Also decides* to extend the programme of work for the period 2022–2023 by two years, to the end of 2025, with the budget and targets being pro-rated accordingly.

