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Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections: election of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The General Assembly, in section II, paragraph 2, of its resolution 2997 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972, decided that the secretariat of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) should be headed by the Executive Director of the Programme, who should be elected by the Assembly, on the nomination of the Secretary-General, for a term of four years.
2. In its decision 70/420 of 13 May 2016, on the proposal of the Secretary-General (A/70/859), the General Assembly elected Mr. Erik Solheim (Norway) as Executive Director of the Programme for a four-year term of office, beginning on 27 June 2016 and ending on 26 June 2020.
3. Following the resignation of Mr. Solheim, effective 22 November 2018, and a thorough review and evaluation of candidates proposed to succeed him, the Secretary-General wishes to nominate Ms. Inger Andersen (Denmark) for election as Executive Director of UNEP for a term of four years. The effective date of her appointment will be communicated to the General Assembly at a later stage.
4. In the light of the above, the Secretary-General has the honour to request, pursuant to rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the inclusion in the agenda of the seventy-third session of an additional sub-item entitled “Election of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme”, under agenda item 116, entitled “Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections”.

