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Note by the secretariat

Introduction

1. In paragraph 13 of its decision 5/2 on 1 March 2022, the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) requested the Executive Director of UNEP to continue to report to Member States through the meeting of the annual subcommittee of the Committee of Permanent Representatives and to the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme at its sessions, on evaluation findings and the progress made in respect of the performance of each subprogramme and its expected accomplishments, and on the execution of the budget of the Environment Fund, including voluntary contributions, expenditures and reallocations of appropriations or adjustments of allocations.

2. The present information document provides an update on progress made in the implementation of decision 5/2 in terms of the requests in paragraph 13.

I. Progress in the implementation of decision 5/2

3. Through the presentation of periodic reviews of the performance of its programmes of work and mandated performance reports, UNEP, has consistently reported to Member States through the meetings of the annual subcommittee of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, and to the United Nations Environment Assembly, on evaluation findings and the progress made in respect of the performance of each subprogramme and its expected accomplishments and on the execution of the budget of the Environment Fund, including voluntary contributions, expenditures and reallocations of appropriations or adjustments of allocations.

4. In the 2022-2023 period, regular updates were provided through Programme performance reviews to the Ninth and Tenth Annual Sub-Committee meetings, the Programme Performance Report 2022 as well as Quarterly reports of the Executive Director to the 158th, 159th, 160th, 161st, 162nd,

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163rd and 164th meetings of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.[1] Member States provided valuable feedback and guidance. Evaluation findings and relevant management responses were also considered.

II. Lessons learned

5. Given the critical role of annual subcommittee meetings in the oversight of programme of work and budget implementation, its meeting schedule and the consideration of programme performance reports should be aligned.

III. Recommendations and suggested actions

6. The Environment Assembly may wish to take note of the present report and provide further guidance as appropriate.

[1] The information reported is available here: UNEP Performance Reports, Ninth Annual Meeting of the CPR Sub Committee, Tenth Annual Meeting of the CPR Sub-Committee