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**Intergovernmental meeting to establish a science-policy panel
to contribute further to the sound management of
chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution**

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Item 5 of the provisional agenda*

**Establishment of a science-policy panel to contribute further to the
sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution**

Draft decision on arrangements for the interim period**

1. In its resolution 5/8, the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) decided that a science-policy panel should be established to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution. The Assembly also decided to convene, subject to the availability of resources, an ad hoc open-ended working group to prepare proposals for the science-policy panel. The Assembly requested the Executive Director of UNEP, upon completion of proposals prepared by the working group, to convene an intergovernmental meeting for the purpose of considering the establishment of a science-policy panel.
2. The annex to the present note sets out a draft decision on arrangements for the interim period.

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** The draft decision is presented without formal editing.

Annex

Draft decision [--] of the intergovernmental meeting on arrangements for the interim period

The intergovernmental meeting,

Having established the [insert full name of panel],

Acknowledging the necessity of preparatory activities for the operation of the Panel, notably the preparation of the first session of the Plenary,

1. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to provide the interim secretariat supporting the operation of the [insert full name of panel];
 2. *Invites* Governments and others in a position to do so to provide voluntary financial contributions to the United Nations Environment Programme to support the interim arrangements, and requests the United Nations Environment Programme to continue receiving financial contributions that are provided for the operation of the Panel until a trust fund for the Panel is established;
 3. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, subject to the availability of resources, to convene the first session of the Plenary guided by the draft rules of procedure and to ensure inclusive participation, including Indigenous Peoples [,][and] local communities, at the earliest practicable date, and preferably no later than one year from the date of the establishment of the Panel, at a date and venue to be determined by the Executive Director, in consultation with member states;
 4. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, in consultation with member states, to prepare relevant documentation for consideration at the first session of the Plenary;
 5. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to report on the progress made in preparing for the first session of the Plenary.
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