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Agenda item 7 of the provisional agenda

This draft decision, entitled “*Medium-term strategy for the period 2026-2029 and programme of work and budget for the biennium 2026-2027*” has been prepared by the Secretariat, at the request of the Committee of the Permanent Representatives, for the consideration and possible guidance by the members of the Committee.

## Draft decision

### Medium-term strategy for the period 2026-2029 and programme of work and budget for the biennium 2026-2027

*The United Nations Environment Assembly,*

*Recalling* its commitment to the environmental dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and recognizing that the time frame of the proposed medium-term strategy and programme of work and budget represents the final strategic period before the 2030 deadline,

1. *Approves* the medium-term strategy for the period 2026–2029 and the programme of work and budget for the biennium 2026–2027;
2. *Approves also* appropriations for the Environment Fund in the amount of 200 million United States dollars for the biennium for the purposes indicated in the following table:

#### Environment Fund for the programme of work and budget for the biennium 2026–2027 (\*thousands of USD dollars)

| <b>Category</b>                                     | <b>Environment Fund</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>A. Policymaking organs</b>                       | 5,363                   |
| <b>B.1. Executive direction and management</b>      | 11,978                  |
| <b>B.2. UNSCEAR</b>                                 | -                       |
| <b>Subtotal A+B</b>                                 | <b>17,341</b>           |
| <b>C. Programme of work</b>                         |                         |
| 1. Climate Action                                   | 20,380                  |
| 2. Digital Transformations                          | 15,911                  |
| 3. Land and Nature Action                           | 26,637                  |
| 4. Environmental Law and Governance                 | 31,642                  |
| 5. Chemicals and Pollution Action                   | 21,453                  |
| 6. Finance and Economic Transformations             | 22,168                  |
| 7. Science-Policy                                   | 17,520                  |
| <b>Subtotal C</b>                                   | <b>155,709</b>          |
| <b>D. Fund programme reserve</b>                    | 8,000                   |
| <b>Subtotal programme of work and reserve (C+D)</b> | <b>163,709</b>          |
| <b>E. Programme support</b>                         | 18,950                  |
| <b>Total (A+B+C+D+E)</b>                            | <b>200,000</b>          |

*\* The above figures are subject to further changes following the conclusion of the UN80, UNEP Functional Review and other strategic initiatives.*

3. *Authorizes* the Executive Director to reallocate resources between budget component/subprogramme up to a maximum of 10 per cent of the appropriations and to inform the Committee of Permanent Representatives thereof, and in duly justified exceptional circumstances to reallocate up to 20 per cent of the appropriations from which resources are reallocated after prior consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives;

4. *Also authorizes* the Executive Director to adjust, in consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives, the level of Environment Fund allocations to budget components/subprogrammes, bringing them into line with possible variations in income compared to the approved level of appropriations, while taking into account expected income from other sources;

5. *Further authorizes* the Executive Director to enter into forward commitments not exceeding 20 million United States dollars for Environment Fund activities, to implement the programme of work for the biennium 2026–2027;

6. *Requests* the Executive Director to continue to apply a prudent approach to the management of resources from all sources, including the Environment Fund, through the careful management of contractual arrangements;

7. *Requests* the Executive Director to continue to monitor and manage the share of the Environment Fund devoted, respectively, to post costs and non-post costs, while clearly prioritizing the application of the resources of the Environment Fund to programme activities;

8. *Emphasizes* the need for comprehensive information and full justification regarding proposed expenditures and contributions from all sources of funding, including staffing information, to be provided to the Committee of Permanent Representatives well in advance of its consideration of the proposed programme of work and budget;

9. *Requests* the Executive Director to continue to improve the achievement of programme objectives and the efficient and transparent use of resources to that end, subject to United Nations processes of oversight, review and independent evaluation;

10. *Also requests* the Executive Director to continue to report to Member States through the subcommittee meetings of the Committee of Permanent Representatives and to the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme at its sessions, on results of audits and evaluations, 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;

11. *Further requests* the Executive Director to ensure that trust funds and earmarked contributions to the United Nations Environment Programme are used to fund activities that are in line with the programme of work, apart from those funds administered by the United Nations Environment Programme on behalf of other intergovernmental bodies;

12. *Urges* all Member States and others in a position to do so to increase voluntary contributions to the United Nations Environment Programme, notably the Environment Fund, encouraged by the universal membership of the United Nations Environment Assembly. Requests the Executive Director, in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations, to mobilize increased voluntary funding, including softly earmarked funding, to the Programme from all Member States and others in a position to do so and to continue to broaden the contributor base;

13. *Notes* the positive effect of the voluntary indicative scale of contributions to broaden the base of contributions to, and enhance predictability in the voluntary financing of, the Environment Fund. Requests the Executive Director to continue to adapt the voluntary indicative scale of contributions, inter alia, in accordance with Governing Council decision SS.VII/1 and any relevant subsequent decisions;

14. *Welcomes* the efforts made by the Executive Director, in close consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives, to design a resource mobilization strategy that improves the adequacy and predictability of resources and encourages the Executive Director, in close consultation with the Committee, to implement the strategy with a priority of broadening the contributor base from Member States and other partners;

15. *Further requests* the Executive Director, in consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives, to submit for consideration and approval by the United Nations Environment

Assembly at its eighth session, a prioritized, results-oriented and streamlined programme of work for the biennium 2028-2029.

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