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**Fifteenth Meeting of the Forum of Ministers of the
Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean**

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31st October to 4th November 2005

A. PREPARATORY MEETING OF EXPERTS

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**Decision 23/12: Provisional agendas, dates
and venues of the ninth special session of the
Governing Council/Global Ministerial
Environment Forum and the twenty-fourth
session of the Governing Council/Global
Ministerial Environment Forum
(UNEP/GC.23/11)**

Decision 23/12: Provisional agendas, dates and venues of the ninth special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum and the twenty-fourth session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum

The Governing Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 2997 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972 and 53/242 of 28 July 1999,

Recalling also General Assembly resolutions 47/202 A (paragraph 17) of 22 December 1992, 54/248 of 23 December 1999 and 56/242 of 24 December 2001,

Recalling further decision SS.VII/1 of 15 February 2002 of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum,

I

Ninth special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum

1. *Decides* to hold its ninth special session in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, from 7 to 9 February 2006, and expresses its appreciation to the Government of the United Arab Emirates for its generous offer to host the session;

2. *Approves* the following provisional agenda for the ninth special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Organization of the session:
 - (a) Adoption of the agenda;
 - (b) Organization of work.
3. Credentials of representatives.
4. Assessment, monitoring and early warning: state of the environment.
5. Policy issues:
 - (a) Energy and environment;
 - (b) Chemicals management;
 - (c) Tourism and the environment.
6. Follow-up to the World Summit on Sustainable Development: contribution of the United Nations Environment Programme to the forthcoming session of the Commission on Sustainable Development.
7. International environmental governance.
8. Outcomes of intergovernmental meetings of relevance to the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum.
9. Implementation of the programme of work of the United Nations Environment Programme and the relevant decisions of the Governing Council.
10. Other matters.
11. Adoption of the report.
12. Closure of the session.

II

Twenty-fourth session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum

3. *Decides* that, in accordance with rules 1, 2 and 4 of its rules of procedure, the twenty-fourth session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum shall be held in Nairobi from 5 to 9 February 2007;

4. *Decides also* that informal consultations between heads of delegations should be held in the afternoon of Sunday, 4 February 2007, the day before the opening of the twenty-fourth session;

5. *Approves* the following provisional agenda for the twenty-fourth session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Organization of the session:
 - (a) Election of officers;
 - (b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Credentials of representatives.
4. Policy issues:
 - (a) State of the environment;
 - (b) Emerging policy issues;
 - (c) Coordination and cooperation with the United Nations system on environmental matters;
 - (d) Coordination and cooperation with civil society;
 - (e) International environmental governance;
 - (f) Water policy and strategy.
5. Follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development: contribution of the United Nations Environment Programme to the forthcoming session of the Commission on Sustainable Development.
6. Implementation of the programme of work of the United Nations Environment Programme and the relevant decisions of the Governing Council.
7. Budget and programme of work for the biennium 2008–2009 and the Environment Fund and administrative and other budgetary matters.
8. Provisional agenda, date and venue of future sessions of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum:
 - (a) Tenth special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum;
 - (b) Twenty-fifth session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum.
9. Other matters.
10. Adoption of the report.
11. Closure of the session.

**PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON THE STRUCTURE
AND ORGANIZATION OF THE NINTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GOVERNING
COUNCIL/GLOBAL MINISTERIAL FORUM**

(As at 9 September 2005)

International Conference And Exhibition Centre,

Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 7-9 February 2006

SATURDAY, 4 FEBRUARY 2006-MONDAY, 6 FEBRUARY 2006¹

ASSOCIATED MEETING

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CHEMICALS MANAGEMENT

9 a.m.-6 p.m. (4 and 5 February), 9 a.m.-1 p.m. (6 February)
Conference Rooms to be identified

SUNDAY, 5 FEBRUARY 2006-MONDAY, 6 FEBRUARY 2006

ASSOCIATED MEETING

SEVENTH GLOBAL CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM

9 a.m.-6 p.m. (5 and 6 February)
Conference Rooms to be identified

MONDAY, 6 FEBRUARY 2006

AFTERNOON

INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS WITH REGIONAL GROUPS

Representatives of the Regional Groups to hold consultations with the Executive Director on the organization and structure of the Session/Forum²

¹ Additional pre-session events may be identified. A press conference will be held following the closing of the International Conference on Chemicals Management in the eve of the opening of the session/forum (subject to confirmation). Exhibition on environmentally sound technology will be organized from 4 February to 9 February 2006.

² Each of the regional groups will hold group meetings at a date and time agreed by the respective groups. For this purpose meeting rooms will be identified for the use by the following groups: African Group/Group of 77 and China, Asian and the Pacific Group, Eastern and Central European Group, Latin American and the Caribbean Group, Western European and Others Group/European Union, and JUSCANZ.

ONDAY, 6 FEBRUARY 2006

EVENING

CEREMONIAL OPENING OF THE SESSION/FORUM AND RELATED EVENTS

**CEREMONIAL OPENING OF THE SESSION/FORUM, OPENING OF THE EXHIBITION,
AND THIRD ZAYED PRIZE AWARD CEREMONY**

7.30 p.m.-- Venue to be identified

SOCIAL EVENT

RECEPTION HOSTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Time and venue to be identified

BUREAU MEETING³

**DINNER MEETING OF THE BUREAU OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL/
GLOBAL MINISTERIAL ENVIRONMENT FORUM**

Time and venue to be identified

³ Thereafter, the Governing Council Bureau will meet every morning before meetings start (time and venue to be identified).

TUESDAY, 7 FEBRUARY 2006
MORNING

MEETING OF MODERATORS

BREAKFAST MEETING OF THE MODERATORS WITH THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Time and venue to be identified

PLENARY

10-11.30 a.m. Venue to be identified

Formal opening of the session/forum

Item 1: Opening of the session

- Welcoming and introductory remarks by H.E. Mr. Rachmat Witoelar, State Minister for the Environment of Indonesia, the President of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum
- Key note address (speaker to be identified)
- Message by Mr. Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations
- Welcoming remarks by Dr. Klaus Töpfer, Executive Director of UNEP
- Remarks by the representative of the Government of the United Arab Emirates

--- short break ---

Item 2: Organization of the session

(a) Adoption of the agenda;

(b) Organization of work⁴.

- Policy statement by the Executive Director of UNEP

SHORT BREAK

⁴ The plenary will consider under provisional agenda item 2 (b) the establishment of sessional committees, i.e. a Committee of the Whole and a Drafting Group. The chairs of the sessional committees will be announced at this meeting of the plenary.

TUESDAY, 7 FEBRUARY 2006

MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIONS ⁵	COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
11.30 a.m.-1 p.m. Venue to be identified	11.30 a.m.-1 p.m. Venue to be identified
<p>MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIONS ON CHEMICALS</p> <p>Item 5: Policy issues:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(b) Chemicals management</p> <p>Presentation on the outcome of ICCM</p> <p>Introductory statements by the secretariat</p> <p>N.B. 2 representatives of CSO will be accommodated in each meeting of the Ministerial Consultations.</p>	<p>Item 4: Assessment, monitoring and early warning: state of the environment</p> <p>Item 6: Follow-up to the World Summit on Sustainable Development: contribution of the United Nations Environment Programme to the forthcoming session of the Commission on Sustainable Development</p> <p>Organization of the work of the Committee</p> <p>Election of the Rapporteur</p> <p>Introductory statements by the Secretariat</p>

AFTERNOON

MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIONS	COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
3-6 p.m. Venue to be identified	3-6 p.m. Venue to be identified
<p>MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIONS ON ENERGY</p> <p>Item 5: Policy issues:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) Energy and environment</p> <p>Keynote address: To be identified</p> <p>Moderators: To be identified</p> <p>Organizational and introductory statements by the secretariat in support of the policy dialogue</p> <p>N.B. 2 representatives of CSO will be accommodated in each meeting of the Ministerial Consultations.</p>	<p>Item 4: Assessment, monitoring and early warning: state of the environment</p> <p>Item 6: Follow-up to the World Summit on Sustainable Development: contribution of the United Nations Environment Programme to the forthcoming session of the Commission on Sustainable Development</p>

⁵ Delivery of general national statements at the plenary are discouraged. However a separate room with video recording facilities, to be broadcasted via a special and continuous video will be provided.

EVENING

SOCIAL EVENT
<p>RECEPTION HOSTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL/GLOBAL MINISTERIAL ENVIRONMENT FORUM AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNEP</p> <p>6.30 p.m.- Venue to be identified</p> <p>(Cultural presentations to be identified)</p>

WEDNESDAY, 8 FEBRUARY 2006

MORNING

MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIONS	COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
9 a.m.-1 p.m. Venue to be identified	10 a.m.-1 p.m. Venue to be identified
<p>MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIONS ON ENERGY</p> <p>Item 5: Policy issues:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) Energy and environment</p> <p>Moderators: To be identified</p> <p>N.B. 2 representatives of CSO will be accommodated in each meeting of the Ministerial Consultations.</p>	<p>Item 4: Assessment, monitoring and early warning: state of the environment</p> <p>Item 6: Follow-up to the World Summit on Sustainable Development: contribution of the United Nations Environment Programme to the forthcoming session of the Commission on Sustainable Development</p>

AFTERNOON

MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIONS	COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
3-6 p.m. Venue to be identified	3-6 p.m. Venue to be identified
<p>MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIONS ON TOURISM</p> <p>Item 5: Policy issues:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(c) Tourism and the environment</p> <p>Keynote address: To be identified</p> <p>Moderators: To be identified</p> <p>Organizational and introductory statements by the secretariat in support of the policy dialogue</p> <p>N.B. 2 representatives of CSO will be accommodated in each meeting of the Ministerial Consultations.</p>	<p>Item 8: Outcomes of intergovernmental meetings of relevance to the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum</p> <p>Item 9: Implementation of the programme of work of the United Nations Environment Programme and the relevant decisions of the Governing Council</p> <p>Item 10: Other matters Introductory statements by the secretariat Adoption of the report and conclusion of the work of the Committee</p>

EVENING

MINISTERIAL CONSULTATION/WORKING DINNER ⁶
7-9 p.m. Venue to be identified
<p style="text-align: center;">MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIONS ON THE ISSUE OF UNIVERSAL MEMBERSHIP OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL/GLOBAL MINISTERIAL ENVIRONMENT FORUM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">[format and structure of the discussion to be determined]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Item 7: International environmental governance</p>

⁶ Optionally, a special event on deserts may be held in the evening of 8 February.

THURSDAY, 9 FEBRUARY 2006

MORNING

MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIONS/PLENARY

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Venue to be identified

Report of the President on the outcome of the Ministerial Consultations, including recommendations for UNEP and CSD-14

Adoption of the report of the Committee of the Whole

LUNCH BREAK

PRESS CONFERENCE

Time and venue to be identified

AFTERNOON

PLENARY

3 p.m.-6 p.m. Venue to be identified

Item 3: Credentials of representatives

Item 10: Other matters

Item 11: Adoption of the report

Item 12: Closure of the session/forum

Closing ceremony

(programme to be developed)

EVENING

SOCIAL EVENT
Time and venue to be identified
CLOSING BANQUET ON THE THEME OF SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

FRIDAY, 10 FEBRUARY 2006

MORNING-EVENING

FIELD EXCURSION
Time and venue (several locations) to be identified

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