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Request for the inclusion of a supplementary item on the provisional agenda of the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly

Cooperation with multilateral environmental agreements

Letter dated 6 February 2023 from the President of the United Nations Environment Assembly addressed to the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme

I have the honour to request, on behalf of the Bureau of the United Nations Environment Assembly and in accordance with rule 11 of the rules of procedure of the Environment Assembly, the inclusion on the provisional agenda of the sixth session of the Assembly of a supplementary item entitled “Cooperation with multilateral environmental agreements”.

A supporting statement is annexed to the present letter.

I also have the honour to request that the present letter and its annex be circulated as a document of the sixth session of the Environment Assembly.

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President of the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly

Annex

Supporting statement

1. In its decision 5/4 of 2 March 2022, the United Nations Environment Assembly endorsed the outcome of the stocktaking meeting for the process for review by the Committee of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) of the Environment Assembly and its subsidiary bodies, as agreed at the eighth annual subcommittee meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, held in Nairobi from 25 to 29 October 2021.
2. In paragraph 6 of the outcome document of that stocktaking meeting, it is recommended that, under the guidance of the Bureau of the Environment Assembly, with the support of the UNEP secretariat, and in close cooperation with the secretariats of multilateral environmental agreements, the contributions to and active participation in the Environment Assembly of multilateral environmental agreements be strengthened to promote coherence between the resolutions of the Environment Assembly and the decisions of the governing bodies of multilateral environmental agreements, while fully respecting the autonomy of those agreements and without introducing new and additional requirements for the contracting parties to multilateral environmental agreements. The aim of the proposed agenda item is to facilitate such contributions to and participation in the Environment Assembly of multilateral environmental agreements, while providing an opportunity for dialogue among multilateral environmental agreements and with Member States, with a view to enhancing effective environmental governance.
3. In this regard, in paragraph 6 (b) of the outcome document, it is recommended that the Environment Assembly consider establishing an agenda item entitled “Cooperation with multilateral environmental agreements” for its sessions.
4. Subsequently, the Committee of Permanent Representatives, at its ninth annual subcommittee meeting, held from 24 to 28 October 2022, recommended that the Bureau of the Environment Assembly propose an amendment to the provisional agenda of the sixth session of the Environment Assembly to include a new agenda item entitled “Cooperation with multilateral environmental agreements”.
5. At their joint meeting on 30 January 2023, the bureaux of the Environment Assembly and the Committee of Permanent Representatives decided to propose the inclusion of a supplementary item on the provisional agenda of the sixth session of the Environment Assembly entitled “Cooperation with multilateral environmental agreements” and invited the President of the sixth session of the Assembly, on behalf of the Bureau, to write to the Executive Director of UNEP to request, in accordance with rule 11 of the rules of procedure of the Environment Assembly, the inclusion of the supplementary item on the provisional agenda of the sixth session of the Assembly.