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**Sustainable development: report of the Governing  
Council of the United Nations Environment  
Programme on its first universal session**

**Fiji:\* draft resolution**

**Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations  
Environment Programme on its first universal session and the  
implementation of section IV.C, entitled “Environmental pillar in  
the context of sustainable development”, of the outcome document  
of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development**

*The General Assembly,*

*Reaffirming* the mandate contained in its resolution 2997 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972, by which it established the United Nations Environment Programme, and other relevant resolutions that reinforce its mandate, as well as the 1997 Nairobi Declaration on the Role and Mandate of the United Nations Environment Programme of 7 February 1997,<sup>1</sup> the Malmö Ministerial Declaration of 31 May 2000 and the Nusa Dua Declaration of 26 February 2010,<sup>2</sup>

*Reaffirming its commitment* to strengthening the role of the United Nations Environment Programme as the leading global environmental authority that sets the global environmental agenda, promotes the coherent implementation of the environmental dimension of sustainable development within the United Nations system and serves as an authoritative advocate for the global environment,

*Recalling* its resolution [67/213](#) of 21 December 2012 on the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twelfth special session and the implementation of section IV.C, entitled “Environmental

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\* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

<sup>1</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/52/25)*, annex, decision 19/1, annex.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, *Sixty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/65/25)*, annex I, decision SS.XI/9.



pillar in the context of sustainable development”, of the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development,

*Recalling also* its resolution [67/251](#) of 13 March 2013 on the change of the designation of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme,

*Reaffirming* the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development and its principles, in particular the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities,

*Taking into account* Agenda 21 and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Johannesburg Plan of Implementation),

*Recalling* the 2005 World Summit Outcome,

*Also recalling* the Bali Strategic Plan for Technology Support and Capacity-building,

*Committed* to strengthening international environmental governance within the context of the institutional framework for sustainable development in order to promote a balanced integration of the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development as well as coordination of environmental matters within the United Nations system,

*Recalling* the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held from 20 to 22 June 2012 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, entitled “The future we want”, in which the General Assembly was invited to adopt, at its sixty-seventh session, a resolution strengthening and upgrading the United Nations Environment Programme in the manner outlined in paragraph 88 of the outcome document,

*Reiterating* the need for secure, stable, adequate and predictable financial resources for the United Nations Environment Programme, and in accordance with resolution 2997 (XXVII) underlining the need to consider the adequate reflection of all the administrative and management costs of the Programme in the context of the United Nations regular budget,

1. *Welcomes* the convening of the first universal session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum of the United Nations Environment Programme in Nairobi from 18 to 22 February 2013;

2. *Takes note* of the report of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum and the decisions contained therein;

3. *Also takes note* of Governing Council decision [27/2](#) on the implementation of paragraph 88 of the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, as endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution [66/288](#) of 27 July 2012;

4. *Notes* the continued efforts of the Programme to maximize the achievement of results within its budget and programme of work;

5. *Takes note* of Governing Council decision [27/13](#), by which the Council approved the medium-term strategy for the period 2014-2017 and the programme of work and budget for the biennium 2014-2015 of the Programme;

6. *Encourages* the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme at its first session, to be held in Nairobi in June 2014, to adopt rules of procedure incorporating the applicable rules and practices of the General Assembly and to effectively implement the provisions of paragraph 88 of the outcome document;

7. *Urges* the Programme to provide coherent support to the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the high-level political forum on sustainable development in the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of all major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social, environmental and related fields;

8. *Welcomes* the establishment of the 10-member board of the 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production patterns, recalls its decision to review the arrangement to designate the Economic and Social Council, ad interim, to receive reports from the board and the secretariat as described in the 10-year framework, and decides to designate the high-level political forum on sustainable development to receive reports from the board and the secretariat as described in the 10-year framework, bearing in mind paragraph 21 of resolution [67/290](#) of 9 July 2013;

9. *Reiterates* the continuing need for the Programme to conduct up-to-date, comprehensive, scientifically based and policy-relevant global environmental assessments, in close consultation with Member States, in order to support decision-making processes at all levels, and in this regard:

(a) Welcomes the request that the Executive Director of the Programme convene an intergovernmental and multi-stakeholder consultation as soon as practicable before the middle of 2014 to determine the objectives and scope of and process for the sixth report in the Global Environment Outlook series;

(b) Requests the Programme, as the leading global authority on environmental matters within the United Nations system, to provide inputs on the environmental dimensions of sustainable development and to actively participate in the formulation of the global sustainable development report of the United Nations;

10. *Also reiterates* the importance of the Nairobi headquarters location of the Programme, and requests the Secretary-General to keep the resource needs of the Programme and the United Nations Office at Nairobi under review so as to permit the delivery, in an effective manner, of necessary services to the Programme and to the other United Nations organizations and entities in Nairobi;

11. *Requests* the Executive Director of the Programme to continue to provide support for the full and effective participation of representatives of developing countries in the United Nations Environment Assembly meetings and to invite the Assembly to consider further arrangements in this regard;

12. *Reiterates* the continuing need for the provision of increased capacity-building and technology support to developing countries in environment-related fields, and in this regard requests the Programme to continue to carry out technology needs assessments and provide support for such assessments and policy instruments for developing countries with regard to clean and environmentally sound technologies, particularly in view of the need to establish a global technology

facilitation mechanism to promote the development, transfer and dissemination of clean and environmentally sound technologies;

13. *Recalls* the decision to have secure, stable, adequate and increased financial resources from the regular budget of the United Nations and voluntary contributions to fulfil the mandate of the Programme, and:

(a) Welcomes the inclusion by the Secretary-General in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 of regular budget resources for the revised programme of work of the United Nations Environment Programme, in accordance with the request contained in paragraphs 4 (a) and 5 (a) of General Assembly resolution [67/213](#);

(b) Requests the Executive Director to immediately take measures to consolidate the Programme's outpost subprogrammes in Nairobi and to report to the General Assembly on progress by 2014, and to strengthen the Programme's regional presence, as appropriate, in order to assist countries, upon request, in the implementation of their national environmental policies, collaborating closely with other relevant entities of the United Nations system;

(c) Requests the Secretary-General to maintain the resource needs of the Programme under review in order to facilitate the full and effective implementation of the ongoing institutional reform related to the work of the United Nations Environment Assembly as part of the implementation of paragraph 88 of the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, in accordance with United Nations budgetary practices;

(d) Urges donors to increase voluntary funding to the Programme, including to the Environment Fund;

14. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-ninth session, under the item entitled "Sustainable development", a sub-item entitled "Report of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme at its first session".