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Other matters

Possible elements for draft resolutions for consideration by the diplomatic conference of plenipotentiaries¹

Note by the secretariat

Draft resolution on arrangements in the interim period

Possible elements may include the following:

The Conference,

Having adopted in [location] on [date] the text of the [instrument name],

Recalling United Nations Environment Assembly resolution 5/14 of 2 March 2022,

- 1. *Urges* States and regional economic integration organizations entitled to do so to consider signing, ratifying, accepting, approving or acceding to the [instrument name] with a view to bringing it into force as soon as possible;
- 2. Welcomes the offer of [country] to host the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties² and invites the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to organize and service that meeting;
- 3. *Invites* the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to convene [an open-ended intergovernmental preparatory body] to develop for consideration and possible adoption by the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties the following:³

¹ The possible elements, developed in response to a request made by the Committee at the sixth plenary meeting of its resumed fifth session, are based on resolutions of diplomatic conferences of plenipotentiaries for the Minamata Convention on Mercury, the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade, the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants and the Convention on Biological Diversity. They include the more common provisions of those resolutions, are not exhaustive, and are without prejudice to the text of the international legally binding instrument or any decisions of the diplomatic conference.

² Based on examples from previous resolutions and subject to any such offers being received by the time of the Conference.

³ The list could be informed by any provisions of the instrument mandating decisions to be adopted at the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties and could cover any other issues the diplomatic conference may wish to refer to the preparatory body.

- (a) Draft rules of procedure and financial rules to guide the operation of the Conference of the Parties;
 - (b) [---];
 - (c) [---];
- 4. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to contribute to the financing of the preparations for and the holding of meetings of the [open-ended intergovernmental preparatory body];
- 5. Requests the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to provide, during the interim period, secretariat services for the conduct of the interim activities from the date of adoption of the [instrument name] until the conclusion of the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties;⁴
- 6. *Invites* all signatories and all Parties of the [instrument name] to provide funds for the operation of the interim secretariat;
- 7. *Invites* the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, in carrying out the functions of the interim secretariat, to consult and cooperate with appropriate international bodies with a view to ensuring synergy between the interim activities under the [instrument name] and the activities of other relevant international instruments and institutions;
- 8. *Urges* States and regional economic organizations to provide interim financial resources, technical assistance, technology transfer and capacity-building assistance to developing countries and countries with economies in transition that are signatories of the [instrument name] to assist those countries in preparing for ratification, acceptance or approval of the [instrument name];
- 9. *Invites* United Nations agencies and programmes to provide support to the implementation of the [instrument name], including facilitation of its ratification and entry into force.

Draft resolution on the tribute to the host country of the diplomatic conference of plenipotentiaries

Possible elements may include the following:

[reference to the diplomatic conference of plenipotentiaries]

Having met in [city, country] on [date],

Deeply appreciative of the courtesy and hospitality extended by [country] to the delegation members, observers, and the secretariat of the United Nations Environment Programme,

Expresses its sincere gratitude to the Government of [country] and, through it, to the people of [country] for the cordial welcome accorded to the Conference and to those associated with its work, and for their contribution to the success of the Conference.

⁴ If the text of the instrument contains provisions on the interim secretariat, a similar paragraph, with a cross-reference to the relevant provision of the instrument, may still be required to provide a legal basis for the interim secretariat mandate from the Diplomatic Conference pending the entry into force of the instrument.