United Nations Environment Assembly

Sixth Session

Online, 6 Nov – 14 Nov 2021

Organization of Work
Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Organization of Work of the Assembly

Note by Secretariat

The draft organization of work of the United Nations Environment Assembly for the eighteenth session of WIMUN which is contained in the Annex, has been prepared in order to facilitate the Assembly’s consideration of two items, “Marine Plastic Litter and Microplastics” and “Loss of biodiversity.” The provisional agenda for the session is contained in document UNEP(WIMUN)/EA.*/2.

Length of statements

1. The Assembly recommends a time limit of 1 minute for individual Member States and 2 minutes for delegates speaking on behalf of regional groups during the General Debate.

Conference facilities and meetings arrangements

2. Taking into account the availability of conference services for the WIMUN UNEA, unless otherwise specified, the meetings will be held from 1:00pm – 3:00pm EST on 6 November 2021; 8:00am – 11:00am EST, 1:00pm – 3:00pm EST on 7 November 2021; 8:00am – 11:00am EST, 1:00pm – 3:00pm on 13 November 2021; and 8:00am – 11:00am EST on 14 November 2021. In this connection, the Assembly wishes to remind delegations that punctuality is of the utmost importance in the interest of ensuring an effective and orderly discussion of the assigned agenda item.
Informal Consultations

3. During the first informal meeting, delegates will draft resolutions in Regional Groups and then merge the different drafts until there is only resolution on the item. After introducing the resolutions, delegates will return to informal consultations to review the drafts line by line and propose amendments.

4. The Bureau may serve as, or appoint, facilitators in order to contribute to the process of reaching consensus. If consensus if not reached on any of the resolutions in the time allotted for informal negotiations, delegates may request that they be put to a vote during the final formal meeting.

Conclusions of the work of the Assembly

5. Bearing in mind the number of meetings scheduled for the WIMUN UNEA, the Assembly sets a target date of 14 November 2021 at 11:00am EST for the conclusion of its work.
Annex

Draft Organization of Work of the Assembly

6 November 2021 - Saturday
1:00pm – 1:15pm EST
Opening Plenary, Adoption of Organization of Work

1:15pm – 2:00pm EST
Committee of the Whole (Interactive session with UN Experts)

2:00pm - 3:00pm EST [Split into two working groups]
Choosing sub-topics by consensus

7 November 2021 - Sunday
8:00am – 10:00am EST
Drafting resolutions in regional groups

10:00am – 11:00am EST
Vienna Formula to merge resolutions

1:00pm – 2:00pm EST
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2:00pm – 3:00pm EST
Committee of the Whole (Introduction of Resolutions + informal discussion on Draft Resolutions)

13 November 2021 - Saturday
8:00am – 11:00am EST [Split into two working groups]
Informal consultations to propose and negotiate amendments

1:00pm – 1:45pm EST
Committee of the Whole (Update on progress and discuss amendments)

1:45pm - 3:00pm EST [Split into two working groups]
Informal consultations to propose and negotiate amendments
14 November 2021 - Sunday
8:00am – 10:10am EST
Final Informal Consultations to propose and negotiate amendments/add additional text if time allows

10:10am - 10:30am EST
Committee of the Whole (Final meeting to adopt resolutions by consensus)

10:30am – 11:00am EST
Plenary of UN Environment Assembly to formally adopt resolutions + final statements