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Organization of Work
Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Organization of Work of the Assembly

Note by Secretariat

1. The draft organization of work of the first session of the WIMUN United Nations Environment Assembly which is contained in the Annex, has been prepared in order to facilitate the Assembly's consideration of two items, one on "Marine plastic litter and micro plastics" and another on "Illegal trade in wildlife and wildlife products." The provisional agenda for the session is contained in document UNEP (WIMUN)/EA.1/1.

Length of statements

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

Conference facilities and meetings arrangements

3. Taking into account the availability of conference services for the WIMUN UNEA, informal consultations will consist of WIMUN UNEA A (Marine plastic litter and micro plastics) and

WIMUN UNEA B (Illegal trade in wildlife and wildlife products) held in individual rooms. Unless otherwise specified, these meetings will be held from 3:00pm – 5:30pm, 7:00pm – 9:00pm on 29 February 2020; 9:00am – 12:00pm, 1:30pm – 5:30pm, 7:00 – 9:00pm on 1 March 2020; and 9:00am – 12:00 pm on 2 March 2020. 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.

4. The Committee of the Whole will be held periodically throughout the session to allow for a combined session of WIMUN UNEA A and B in order to: 1) introduce and discuss the resolutions drafted on each agenda item, and 2) provide regular updates to all the delegates participating in the Assembly on the progress being made on both resolutions.

Informal Consultations

5. Informal consultations will be held in separate rooms on the two resolutions. During the first informal meeting, delegates will draft resolutions in Political Groups and then merge the different drafts until there is only resolution on each item. After introducing the resolutions to the Committee of the Whole, delegates will return to informal consultations to review the drafts line by line and propose amendments.
6. The Bureau may serve as, or appoint, facilitators in order to contribute to the process of reaching consensus. If consensus is 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

7. Bearing in mind the number of meetings scheduled for the WIMUN UNEA A/UNEA B, the Assembly sets a target date of 2 March 2020 at 12:00 pm for the conclusion of its work.

Annex (This is a tentative schedule)

Draft Programme of Work of the Assembly

29 February 2020 - Saturday

3:00pm – 3:15pm

Opening Plenary, Adoption of Organization of Work

3:15pm – 4:15pm

Committee of the Whole – Interactive session with UN Experts

4:15 - 5:30pm [Split into 2 Working Groups]

Drafting resolutions in political groups

7:00pm – 9:00pm

Drafting resolutions in political groups/Vienna Formula to merge resolutions

1 March 2020 - Sunday

9:00am – 10:00am

Vienna Formula

10:00am - 11:00am

Committee of the Whole* – Introduction of resolutions

Observations and comments on draft resolution

11:00am -12:00pm [Split into 2 Working Groups]

Informal consultations to propose and negotiate amendments

1:30pm – 4:30pm

Informal consultations to propose and negotiate amendments

5:00-5:30pm

Committee of the Whole* – Update on progress and discuss amendments

7:00pm - 9:00pm [Split into 2 Working Groups]

Informal consultations to propose and negotiate amendments

02 March 2020 – Monday

9:00am – 11:00am

Final Informal Consultations to propose and negotiate amendments/add additional text if time allows

11:00 - 11:30am

Final meeting of the Committee of the Whole*

11:30am – 12:00pm

Closing Plenary to adopt resolution

*The meeting times for the Committee of the Whole are subject to change depending on the status of informal consultations.