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31 January – 2 February 2024
Organization of Work

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Note by Secretariat

1. The draft organization of work of the fourth 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 the agenda item "Marine plastic litter and micro plastics." The provisional agenda for the session is contained in document UNEP (WIMUN New York)/EA.4/1.

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 regional groups during the General Debate.

Conference facilities and meetings arrangements

3. Taking into account the availability of conference services for the WIMUN Environment Assembly, unless otherwise specified, six meetings will be held from 01:30 p.m. – 05:30 p.m., 07:00 p.m. – 09:30 p.m. on January 31; 09:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., 01:30 p.m. – 05:30 p.m., 07:00 p.m. – 08:30 p.m. on February 1; and 09:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on February 2. 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

4. During the second informal meeting, delegates will draft resolutions in Regional Groups and then merge the different drafts until there is only one resolution on the agenda item. After the merged draft has been prepared by the Secretariat, delegates will return to informal consultations to review the drafts line by line and propose amendments.
5. In accordance with established practice, informal consultations may be used for expressing general observations on the proposals. The Bureau may serve as, or appoint, facilitators in order to contribute to the process of reaching consensus.

Conclusions of the work of the Assembly

6. Bearing in mind the number of meetings scheduled for the WIMUN UNEA, the Assembly sets a target date of 2 February 2024 at 12:00 p.m. for the conclusion of its work.

Annex

Draft Programme of Work of the Assembly

31 January 2024 – Wednesday

1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Opening Plenary

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Interactive Session with Expert

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

General Debate

4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Informal consultation to agree on 4 broad areas to guide the drafting of operative paragraphs

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Drafting of Resolution in Regional Groups (Informal Meeting)

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Drafting of Resolution in Regional Groups (Informal Meeting)

8:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Regional Groups review colour-coded draft (Informal Consultations)

8:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Informal Consultations to merge Conference papers (Vienna Formula)

1 February 2024 - Thursday

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9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Informal Consultations to merge Conference papers (Vienna Formula)

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Informal Consultations to propose and negotiate amendments

1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Informal Consultations to propose and negotiate amendments

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Informal Consultations to propose and negotiate amendments

2 February 2024 – Friday

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Wrap up debate of amendments and Final review of the Draft Resolution/add additional text if time allows (Informal Meeting)

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Closing Plenary and adoption of Resolution