Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Program

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 "Triple planetary crisis: climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution".

Length of statements

2. The Assembly recommends a time limit of 30 seconds for individual Member States and 1 minute for delegates speaking on behalf of political groups.

Conference facilities and meetings arrangements

3. Taking into account the availability of conference services for the Commission on Population and Development, five meetings have been scheduled. Unless otherwise specified, five meetings will be held from 1:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., on 4 February 2025; 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., 1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. on 5 February 2025; and 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on 6 February 2025. In this connection, the Commission 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 1 and 2 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 6 February 2025 at 12:00 pm for the conclusion of its work.

Annex

Draft Program of Work of the Assembly

4 February 2025 – Tuesday

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Delegate training (mandatory for all delegates)

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Opening Plenary - Adoption of Organization of Work

Interactive session with UN Experts

2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Split room into two Working Groups

2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

General Debate

3:45 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Informal consultation to agree on 3 broad areas for the operative section of the resolution

4:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Drafting Resolutions in regional groups

5 February 2025 - Wednesday

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Vienna Formula

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Informal Consultations to propose amendments

12:00p.m. - 1:30p.m.

Open wall for Committee of the Whole

1:30 p.m. - 2:10 p.m.

Committee of the Whole - Introduction of resolutions

Delegations confer on proposed amendments

2:10 p.m. - 2:25 p.m.

Split room into two Working Groups

2:25 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Informal Consultations to propose and negotiate amendments

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Informal consultations to propose and negotiate amendments

6 February 2025 – Thursday

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Wrap up debate of amendments/add additional text if time allows

11:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Open wall for Committee of the Whole

11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Final Meeting of the Committee of the Whole

11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Closing Plenary to adopt resolution