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- ✓ Attended by about 3,000 in-person and 1,500 online participants
- ✓ 175 UN Member States
- ✓ 79 ministers
- ✓ 17 high-level officials.
- ✓ 14 Resolutions
- ✓ 1 Decision
- ✓ Ministerial Declaration

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UNEP/EA.5/L.8 Sustainable Lake management

Protection, conservation, and restoration as well as sustainable use of lakes

UNEP/EA.5/L.9 Nature-based solutions for supporting sustainable development

Decides that nature-based solutions are actions to protect, conserve, restore, sustainably use and manage natural or modified terrestrial, freshwater, coastal and marine ecosystems.

UNEP/EA.5/L.10 Animal welfare – environment – sustainable development nexus

The health and welfare of animals, sustainable development and the environment are connected to human health and well-being; increasing need to address these connections through the One Health approach, among other holistic approaches.

UNEP/EA.5/L.11 Biodiversity and health : biodiversity loss poses threats to human, animal and ecosystem health, and that conserving, restoring, and sustainably using biodiversity, ecosystems and their services can bring benefits for health and well-being;

UNEP/EA.5/L.12 Sustainable nitrogen management

Take note of resolution 4/14 on sustainable nitrogen management: accelerate actions to significantly reduce nitrogen waste globally by 2030; share information on national action plans

UNEP/EA5/L.13 Sound management of chemicals and waste

Notes with concern target set by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development to achieve by 2020 the environmentally sound management of chemicals and all wastes throughout their life cycle, has not been met; *concern* that increasing levels of the illegal transboundary movements of hazardous ; *Invites governments* and all relevant stakeholders to put in place an ambitious improved enabling framework to address the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020;

UNEP/EA.5/L.14 Science-Policy Panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution:

Recalling resolution 4/8, and *stressing* the urgent need to “strengthen the science-policy interface at all levels; Decides that a science policy panel should be established to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution; Undertaking horizon scanning to identify issues of relevance; providing up-to-date and relevant information, identifying key gaps in scientific research; an independent intergovernmental body; convene an ad hoc open-ended working group that will commence in 2022 with the ambition of completing its work by the end of 2024 (institutional design and governance of the panel, name and scope of the panel, set out the principal functions, relationship with the relevant key stakeholders)

UNEP/EA.5/L.15 Sustainable and Resilient Infrastructure: *Taking note* of the potential environmental impacts of infrastructure projects on ecosystem integrity and connectivity; Member States to conduct strategic and environmental impact assessments to sustainable infrastructure planning and delivery; promote investments in infrastructure that is environmentally, socially and economically sustainable, climate resilient, resource efficient and that prevent ecosystem fragmentation;

UNEP/EA.5/L.16 Environmental dimension of a sustainable, resilient and inclusive post COVID-19 recovery: Member States to strengthen measures to achieve a sustainable, resilient and inclusive global recovery ; to share knowledge and build capacity, in the areas of research and development, technological innovation;

Executive Director : to support and engage countries in research and development, innovative technology, capacity-building; support countries, through the reinvigorated RC and the reconfigured UNCT on information, knowledge, capacity development and technical support, for a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery; to share best practices, provide peer to peer learning and technical assistance to countries, especially developing countries to support efforts for resource mobilization, for strengthening and scaling up country's efforts on sustainable, resilient and inclusive recovery measures.

UNEP/EA.5/L.17 Enhancing Circular Economy as a contribution to achieving sustainable consumption and production: *Welcoming* the extension by the UN GA the mandate of the 10YFP; Member states: *Invited* to integrate circular economy approaches; to take measures, in cooperation with the private sector to enhance the design of products taking into account lifecycle assessments; to cooperate on sharing and discussing best practices on relevant products information along value chains; to strengthen policies, legal and regulatory frameworks, such as those concerning sustainable public procurement, technological innovation, extended producer responsibility, material life cycle and industrial symbiosis; to support, such as sustainable finance from private and public sources, environmentally sound technologies and for the uptake of circular economy.

UNEP/EA.5/L.18 Environmental aspects of mineral and metals management: Stressing the need for enhanced action to support the environmental sustainability management of minerals and metals and *recognizing* the regulatory and administrative capacity challenges faced by countries; Acknowledging that clean technologies, highly dependent on metals and minerals, are important for combating climate change:

UNEP/EA.5/L.19 Due regard to the principle of equitable geographical distribution, in accordance with paragraph 3 of Article 101 of the Charter of the United Nations *Concerned* with imbalance in the geographic distribution of staff in the UNEP's secretariat:

UNEP/EA.5/L.20 Future of the Global Environment Outlook

Decides that the core function of the Global Environment Outlook process should be to undertake, every four years, an intergovernmental, expert-led, global authoritative assessment with regional specificities that assesses and tracks trends, evaluates the effectiveness of the global policy response.

UNEP/EA.5/L.21 Decision on the provisional agenda, date and venue of UNEA6
(26 Feb-1 March 2024).

UNEP/EA.5/L.23 “End plastic pollution: towards an international legally binding instrument”

Executive Director to convene an intergovernmental negotiating committee, commencing its work during second half of 2022, with the ambition of completing its work by the end of 2024.

Decides that the intergovernmental negotiating committee is to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment henceforth referred to as the instrument, which could include both binding and voluntary approaches, based on a comprehensive approach that addresses the full lifecycle of plastic, taking into account among other things, the principles of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, as well as national circumstances and capabilities, including provisions.

UNEP_EA5_L24 Ministerial declaration of UNEA5

UNEP/EA.5/L.26 Political declaration of the special session of UNEA5 to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of UNEP

Acknowledges the 50-year contribution of UNEP supporting a worldwide effort to overcome the planet's biggest environmental challenges;

UNEP @50: Strengthening UNEP for the implementation of the environmental dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development



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