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**International environmental policy and governance issues**

**Information on progress in the implementation of resolution  
5/12 on environmental aspects of minerals and metals  
management: Co-Chairs' summary report of the global  
intergovernmental meeting on the environmental aspects of  
minerals and metals management**

**Note by the secretariat**

1. The proceedings of the global intergovernmental meeting on resolution 5/12 of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), on the environmental aspects of minerals and metals management, which was held in Geneva on 7 and 8 September 2023, are summarized in the Co-Chairs' summary report.<sup>1</sup>
2. Two co-chairs were appointed on 13 December 2022 by Leila Benali (Morocco), President of the sixth session of the Environment Assembly, to lead the intergovernmental consultations as mandated in Environment Assembly resolution 5/12, namely Saqlain Syedah (Pakistan) and Martine Rohn-Brossard (Switzerland).
3. A total of 98 Member States attended the global intergovernmental meeting, with 37 participating only in person, 31 only remotely and 30 both in person and online. More than 60 accredited observers and accredited organizations also registered for the meeting. The secretariat prepared a background document for the meeting,<sup>2</sup> which included written submissions received from Member States and UNEP-accredited organizations pertaining to resolution 5/12.
4. Prior to the meeting, intergovernmental regional consultations were held for each regional group. National focal points and representatives of Member States attended the regional consultations, along with representatives of relevant international organizations and UNEP-accredited observer organizations. A total of 79 Member States were represented across the five intergovernmental regional consultations, along with 16 accredited observer organizations. Member States appointed 113 national focal points for the intergovernmental process on resolution 5/12.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The Co-Chairs' summary report is available at <https://www.greenpolicyplatform.org/guidance/final-unedited-version-unea-512-co-chairs-summary-report>. The report was not formally edited.

<sup>2</sup> The background document is available at <https://www.greenpolicyplatform.org/guidance/background-document-guide-global-intergovernmental-meeting-unea-512-1>.

<sup>3</sup> The list of Environment Assembly resolution 5/12 national focal points is available at <https://www.greenpolicyplatform.org/guidance/list-unea-resolution-512-national-focal-points-0>.

5. The regional consultations were held between April and July 2023, one for each United Nations regional group, as follows:
- (a) The Group of Eastern European States in Geneva on 24 and 25 April 2023;
  - (b) The Group of Western European and other States in Paris on 27 and 28 April 2023;
  - (c) The Group of Latin American and Caribbean States in Santiago on 17 and 18 May 2023, hosted by Chile;
  - (d) The Group of Asia-Pacific States in Bangkok on 15 and 16 June 2023;
  - (e) The Group of African States in Dakar on 5 and 6 July 2023, hosted by Senegal.
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