



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

25 June 2021

Excellency,

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter from H.E. Ms. Anna Karin Enestrom, Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations and H.E. Mr. Martin Kimani, Permanent Representative of Kenya to the United Nations, co-facilitators on the modalities for the international meeting entitled ‘Stockholm +50: a healthy planet for the prosperity of all – our responsibility, our opportunity’.

The co-facilitators announce that consultations on the process will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Magnus Lennartsson, Deputy Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations, and H.E. Ms. Njambi Kinyungu, Deputy Permanent Representative of Kenya to the United Nations. The first informal consultation will be held virtually on Friday, 2 July 2021, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Connection details will be provided in due course.

I wish you well in your deliberations and trust you will extend your full support to the co-facilitators and their designates during the process.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Volkan Bozkir'.

Volkan BOZKIR

All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York



**Permanent Mission of Sweden
to the United Nations**



**Permanent Mission of the Republic
of Kenya to the United Nations**

25 June 2021

Excellency,

We are pleased to write to you in our capacity as co-facilitators appointed by the President of the 75th General Assembly on 3 June 2021, to lead the intergovernmental consultations on the modalities for the international meeting entitled “Stockholm+50: a healthy planet for the prosperity of all – our responsibility, our opportunity” before the end of the seventy-fifth session, as contained in A/RES/75/280.

Please be informed that H.E. Mr. Magnus Lennartsson, Deputy Permanent Representative of Sweden and H.E. Ms. Njambi Kinyungu, Deputy Permanent Representative of Kenya, will be convening the informal consultations on our behalf.

We are committed to an open, inclusive and transparent process and count on the support and active as well as constructive engagement of all Member States.

In this regard, we are pleased to convene the first informal consultations on the modalities resolution on Friday, 2 July from 10 a.m to 1 p.m. via Cisco WebEx platform.

In preparation for the first informal consultations, please find attached the zero draft of the modalities resolution.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

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President of the 75th General Assembly
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Modalities for the international meeting entitled “Stockholm+50: a healthy planet for the prosperity of all - our responsibility, our opportunity”

The General Assembly,

PP1 Recalling its resolution 75/280 of 24 May 2021 in its entirety, and its decision to convene the international meeting entitled “Stockholm+50: a healthy planet for the prosperity of all – our responsibility, our opportunity”, in Stockholm, on 2 and 3 June 2022, during the week of World Environment Day, to commemorate the 50 years since the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment and its outcome documents, as a contribution to the environmental dimension of sustainable development to accelerate the implementation of commitments in the context of the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development, including a sustainable recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic; *(based on OP1 of A/RES/75/280)*

OP1 *Decides* that the government of Sweden shall retain hosting responsibilities by assuming the costs of the international meeting and its preparatory process, with the support of Kenya; *(based on OP2 A/RES/70/303)*

OP2 Also decides that the international meeting and its preparatory meeting shall provide for the effective participation of all States Members of the United Nations, members of the UN specialized agencies, and parties to the Multilateral Environment Agreements¹; *(based on OP2 of RES/74/269)*

OP3 *Encourages* participation in the international meeting at the highest possible level; *(OP7 of A/RES/73/292)*

OP4 *Decides* that the international meeting shall:

(a) Showcase innovative measures and initiatives that protect our planet and contribute to a sustainable and inclusive post-pandemic recovery; *(new text)*

(b) Involve all relevant stakeholders to contribute to the thematic discussions of the international meeting and to build momentum towards a healthy and prosperous planet. *(new text)*

OP5 *Decides* that the international meeting shall elect from among the representatives of participating States the following officers: two Presidents, one from Sweden and one from Kenya, and 8 Vice-Presidents,² one of whom shall be designated as Rapporteur-General; *(based on OP8 of A/RES/73/292)*

OP6 *Also decides* that the international meeting shall comprise an opening segment, four plenary meetings and three leadership dialogues, and a closing segment, to be held from 2 to 3 June 2022;

OP7 *Also decides* that the opening segment of the international meeting shall include a Commemorative

¹ For the purposes of the international meeting, the Multilateral Environment Agreements will be understood as referring to the following treaties: Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal; Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity; Convention on Biological Diversity; Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora; Convention on Migratory Species; Kyoto Protocol; Minamata Convention on Mercury; Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer; Paris Agreement; Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade; Stockholm Convention on persistent organic pollutants; United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change; and Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer.

² Two from each of the following groups: African States; Asia-Pacific States; Eastern European States; Latin American and Caribbean States; and Western European and other States. The election of the Presidents will, however, have the effect of reducing by one the number of Vice-Presidents allocated to the regions from which each of the Presidents is elected.

Moment dedicated to the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, held in Stockholm from 5-16 June 1972; (*new text*)

OP8 *Further decides* that the plenary meetings will be held as follows:

Tuesday, 2 June: from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Wednesday, 3 June: from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 7 p.m.;

OP9 *Decides* that the leadership dialogues will be held in parallel with the plenary meetings, as follows:

Tuesday, 2 June: from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Wednesday, 3 June: from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

OP10 *Also decides* that the leadership dialogues shall be collaborative and multi-stakeholder in nature and will focus on recommendations which contribute to the environmental dimension of Sustainable Development to accelerate the implementation of commitments in the context of the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development, including a sustainable recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, including through strengthened cooperation, taking into account the theme of the international meeting; (*based on OP12 of A/RES/73/292 and OP1 of A/RES/75/280*)

OP11 *Further decides* that the organizational arrangements for the leadership dialogues will be as follows:

(a) The leadership dialogues will address the following themes:

Leadership dialogue 1: Reflecting on the urgent need to change human relationship with nature for a healthy planet and prosperity of all through sustainable and just transitions.

Leadership dialogue 2: Achieving a sustainable and inclusive recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic (*based on OP1 of A/RES/75/280*)

Leadership dialogue 3: Accelerating the implementation of the environmental dimension of Sustainable Development in the context of the Decade of Action. (*based on OP1 of A/RES/75/280*)

(b) Each leadership dialogue will be presided over by two Co-Chairs, one from a developing country and one from a developed country, to be appointed by the two Presidents of the international meeting; (*based on OP13a of A/RES/73/292*)

OP12 *Invites* the Secretary-General to appoint the Executive Director of UNEP as the Secretary-General of the international meeting; (*based on OP17 of A/RES/73/292*)

OP13 *Requests* the Secretary-General of the international meeting to prepare a concept note and draft background papers for each of the leadership dialogues for the international meeting before its preparatory meeting; (*based on OP22 of RES/73/292*)

OP14 *Also requests* the President of the General Assembly to convene a one-day preparatory meeting no later than April 2022, at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, to be chaired by the Co-hosts of the international meeting, with interpretation services on an as-available basis, with a view to considering the preparations for the Leadership Dialogues and other preparations for the international meeting; (*based on OP21 of A/RES/73/292*)

OP15 *Recommends* the provisional agenda set forth in annex I to the present resolution for adoption by the international meeting;

OP16 *Decides* that the international meeting shall be organized in accordance with the organization of work set forth in annex II to the present resolution;

OP17 *Also decides* that the rules relating to the procedure and the established practice of the General Assembly shall apply to the procedure of the international meeting unless otherwise agreed by the international meeting; *(OP18 72/249 BBNJ)*

OP 18: *Requests* the two presidents of the international meeting to prepare a summary of the discussions, with support of the Secretary-General of the international meeting, to be presented to the international meeting;

OP19 *Also requests* the President of the General Assembly, with support from the United Nations Environment Programme, to finalize the organizational arrangements for the international meeting no later than April 2022; *(based on OP25 of A/RES/73/292)*

OP20 Also decides to invite to the international meeting and its preparatory meeting representatives for organizations and other entities that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly pursuant to its relevant resolutions to participate, in the capacity of observer in its sessions and work, on the understanding that such representatives would participate in the international meeting in that capacity; *(based on OP 12 of A/RES/72/249 BBNJ)*

OP21: Invites non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council with relevant expertise to register with the Secretariat to participate in the international meeting and its preparatory meeting; *(based on OP7 of A/RES/74/269)*

OP22 *Also invites* other relevant stakeholders, including organizations and bodies of the United Nations, intergovernmental organizations, international financial institutions, other interested international bodies and non-governmental organizations including those that have an interest in the field of the environment, civil society organizations, academic institutions, the scientific community, the private sector and philanthropic organizations, to seek accreditation in accordance with the provisions set forth in annex II to the present resolution, to participate as observers in the international meeting and its preparatory meeting; *(based on OP 27 of A/RES/73/292, and UNEP:s enabling 1972 GA resolution “2997 (XXVI) Institutional and financial arrangements for international environmental cooperation)*

OP23 *Decides* that accreditation to the international meeting shall be in accordance with the provisions set forth in annex II to the present resolution; *(OP29 of A/RES/73/292)*

OP24 *Encourages* States and international donors, as well as the private sector, financial institutions, foundations and other donors in a position to do so, to support the preparations for the international meeting through voluntary contributions to a trust fund in support of preparations for the international meeting and to support the participation of representatives of developing countries in the international meeting; *(based on OP 31 of A/RES/73/292)*

Annex I

**Provisional agenda of the 2022 international meeting entitled
“Stockholm+50: a healthy planet for the prosperity of all - our
responsibility, our opportunity”**

Stockholm, 2 to 3 June 2022

1. Opening of the international meeting.
2. Election of the two Presidents.
3. Adoption of the agenda of the international meeting.
4. Election of officers other than the Presidents.
5. Organization of work.
6. Credentials of representatives to the international meeting:
 - (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;
 - (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.
7. General debate.
8. Interactive dialogues.
9. Outcome of the international meeting.
10. Adoption of the report of the international meeting.
11. Closure of the international meeting.

Annex II

Proposed organization of work of the 2022 international meeting entitled “Stockholm+50: a healthy planet for the prosperity of all - our responsibility, our opportunity”

Stockholm, 2 to 3 June 2022

1. The 2022 international meeting entitled “Stockholm+50: a healthy planet for the prosperity of all - our responsibility, our opportunity” will be held in Stockholm, from 2 to 3 June 2022.

I. Organization of work

A. Plenary meetings

2. The international meeting will consist of a total of four plenary meetings, to be held as follows:

Tuesday, 2 June: from 9.30 to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.

Wednesday, 3 June: from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 7 p.m.

3. The plenary meetings will be devoted to statements.

4. The list of speakers for the plenary meetings will be established on a first-come first-served basis, with the customary protocol that ensures that Heads of State or Government speak first, followed by other heads of delegation. The European Union will be included in the list of speakers. Detailed arrangements will be communicated in a timely manner through a note by the Secretariat. The time limit for the statements will be three minutes for individual delegations and five minutes for statements made on behalf of a group of states.

5. At the opening segment of the international meeting, to take place during the first plenary meeting, to be held on the morning of Tuesday, 2 June, consideration will be given to all procedural and organizational matters, including the adoption of the agenda, the election of the two Presidents of the international meeting, the election of officers, as

appropriate, the appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee, arrangements for the preparation of the report of the international meeting and other matters. The opening segment shall include a Commemorative Moment dedicated to the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, held in Stockholm from 5-16 June 1972. At the first plenary meeting on the morning of Tuesday, 2 June, statements will be made by the Presidents of the international meeting, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the President of the General Assembly, the President of the Economic and Social Council and the Secretary-General of the international meeting.

6. The plenary meetings will also hear statements from representatives of other intergovernmental organizations, international financial institutions, international bodies, the United Nations specialized agencies, funds and programmes, as well as major groups and other stakeholders in accordance with the practices of the General Assembly.

7. At the final plenary meeting, to be held on Wednesday, 3 June, the summary of discussions will be presented by the Presidents of the international meeting.

8. The plenary meetings will run in parallel with the leadership dialogues, unless otherwise specified in the present resolution.

B. Leadership dialogues

9. The international meeting will include three leadership dialogues, to be held in parallel with the plenary meetings, as follows:

Tuesday, 2 June: from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Wednesday, 3 June: from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

10. Summaries of the leadership dialogues should be presented to the international meeting at its closing plenary meeting and included in the final report of the international meeting.

II. Credentials of representatives to the international meeting: appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee

11. The Credentials Committee will be appointed in accordance with the applicable rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Its composition shall be based on that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly at its seventy sixth session.

III. Accreditation: institutional stakeholders

12. Relevant intergovernmental organizations, international financial institutions and international bodies that were accredited to the World Summit on Sustainable Development, the 2017 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, the high-level United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development, the intergovernmental conference on an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction, the 2020 preparatory meeting of the United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development and to previous United Nations conferences on the sustainable development of small island developing States, held in Barbados, Mauritius and Samoa, as well as those invited to participate in the sessions of the United Nations Environment

Assembly, may participate in the deliberations of the international meeting and its preparatory meeting, as appropriate.

13. Interested intergovernmental organizations that were not accredited to the conferences and summits listed in paragraph 12 above may apply to the General Assembly for accreditation following the established accreditation procedure.

IV. Accreditation: non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders

14. The non-governmental organizations and major groups as identified in Agenda 21,³ in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, those that were accredited to the conferences and summits listed in paragraph 13 above, as well as non-governmental organizations that have an interest in the field of the environment and were invited to the previous sessions of the United Nations Environment Assembly, shall register in order to participate.

15. The President of the General Assembly shall also draw up a list of other relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions, the scientific community, the private sector and philanthropic organizations which may participate in the international meeting and the preparatory meeting, taking into account the principles of transparency and of equitable geographical representation, with due regard for gender parity, and shall submit the proposed list to Member States for their consideration on a non-objection basis, and to bring the list⁴ to the attention of the General Assembly before the preparatory meeting and, in any case, no later than February 2022, for a final decision by the Assembly on participation in the international meeting and the preparatory meeting.

16. The provisions of paragraph 15 of General Assembly resolution 67/290 of 9 July 2013 shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the international meeting and its preparatory process.

V. Secretariat

17. The Secretary-General of the international meeting will serve as the focal point within the Secretariat for providing support to the organization of the international meeting, in cooperation with the representatives of the two Presidents.

VI. Documentation

18. In accordance with the practice followed at previous United Nations conferences, the official documentation of the international meeting will include documents issued before, during and after the international meeting.

19. In accordance with the practice followed at previous United Nations conferences, it is recommended that the international meeting adopt a report consisting of the procedural decisions of the international meeting, a brief account of the proceedings and a reportorial account of the work of the international meeting and the action taken at the plenary meetings.

20. Summaries of the plenary meetings and the leadership dialogues should also be included in the report of the international meeting.

³ Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3–14 June 1992, vol. I, Resolutions Adopted by the Conference (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.L.8 and corrigendum), resolution 1, annex II.

⁴ The list will include proposed as well as final names. The general basis of any objections, if requested by one or more States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies, will be made known to the Office of the President of the General Assembly and the requester.

VII. Organization of parallel meetings and other events of the 2022 international meeting international meeting Stockholm+50: a healthy planet for the prosperity of all - our responsibility, our opportunity

21. Parallel meetings and other events, including those of major groups and other stakeholders, will be held during the same hours as the plenary meetings and leadership dialogues, space permitting. Interpretation services will be provided for such meetings, as available.

VIII. Side events

22. Side events, including briefings, seminars, workshops and panel discussions on issues related to the theme of the international meeting, will be organized by participants in the international meeting. Guidelines for organizing such events and the calendar of those events will be made available on the website of the international meeting.

IX. Media coverage

23. Press materials will be prepared by the Department of Global Communications of the Secretariat for journalists covering the international meeting. In addition, regular press releases will be issued on the results of plenary meetings, leadership dialogues and other events. All relevant documentation will be made available on the website of the international meeting.

24. The plenary meetings, the leadership dialogues and the press conferences will be broadcast live to the media area. A programme of special media briefings and press conferences will be announced.