8 September 2021

Excellency,

With reference to my letter dated 3 September 2021, transmitting a letter from H.E. Ms. Anna Karin Eneström, Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations, and H.E. Mr. Martin Kimani, Permanent Representative of Kenya to the United Nations, the co-facilitators to lead the intergovernmental consultations on the modalities of the “International meeting entitled "Stockholm+50: a healthy planet for the prosperity of all – our responsibility, our opportunity”” as per General Assembly Resolution 75/280, I have the further honour to submit a subsequent letter from the co-facilitators.

The co-facilitators, via the letter attached herewith, inform that the silence procedure for the final text of the draft modalities resolution has not been broken. In this regard, please be informed that the date for consideration of action on the draft resolution will be duly announced in the UN journal.

I thank H.E. Mr. Magnus Lennartsson, Deputy Permanent Representative of Sweden and H.E. Ms. Njambi Kinyungu, Deputy Permanent Representative of Kenya for their steadfastness and leadership of this process and express my appreciation to all Member States for their cooperation and support.

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

Volkan BOZKIR

All Permanent Representatives and 
Permanent Observers to the United Nations 
New York
8 September 2021

In our capacity as the co-facilitators of 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”, we have the honour to inform you that the silence procedure for the final text of the draft modalities resolution has not been broken.

In that context, we would be very grateful if your Office could ensure the necessary procedures with a view to the adoption of the attached final draft of the resolution. Also attached is the explanation note provided by the Secretariat with regard to OP3 and OP 19 of the resolution, as requested by delegations during the informal consultations.

We remain fully committed to assist in ensuring a timely and successful conclusion of these intergovernmental consultations.

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

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NOTE

“Modalities for the international meeting entitled “Stockholm+50: a healthy planet for the prosperity of all - our responsibility, our opportunity”.

This is in reference to a request for advice from the Group of 77 and through the Co-Facilitators to the Secretariat on the draft resolution entitled, “Modalities for the international meeting entitled “Stockholm+50: a healthy planet for the prosperity of all - our responsibility, our opportunity”. The request is for written clarification from the Secretariat on their view of the meaning of the language in operative paragraph 3 on participation in the international meeting and the meaning of the phrase “participate on an equal footing” so that the language in operative paragraph 3 does not contradict operative paragraph 19 of the zero draft.

Operative paragraph 3 of the draft resolution provides as follows: “Also decides that the international meeting and its preparation 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 Agreements.”

Operative paragraph 3 has a footnote that provides as follows: “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 pollutions; United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change; and Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer.”

Operative paragraph 19 of the draft provides as follows: “Also decides that the rules relating to the procedure and the established practice of the General Assembly shall apply mutatis mutandis to the procedure of the international meeting unless otherwise decided by the international meeting”.

As far as operative paragraph 3 is concerned and the request for advice from the Group of 77, the term “effective participation” was recently used in the General Assembly resolution 74/269 entitled, “Scope, modalities, format and organization of the summit on biodiversity.” The term indicates that the participants so listed, i.e. Member States, members of United Nations specialized agencies and the parties to the Multilateral Environment Agreements constitute the participants to the international meeting and are seated alphabetically in all formal meetings of the international meeting. The term, “Member States and members of the UN specialized agencies has within the context of United Nations meetings and conferences referred to all States that have been admitted as Members of the United Nations under the United Nations Charter as well as those States that have been admitted as states members of specialized agencies.

As far as the term, “parties to the Multilateral Environment Agreements” is concerned, this refers within the meaning of operative paragraph 3 to any State or political or regional economic integration
organization that has acceded, formally confirmed or approved a Multilateral Environment Agreement pursuant to its constituent treaty.

For example, the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal in Article 23 provides that the Convention shall be open for accession by States and by political and/or economic integration organizations.

Article XXI of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora provides that the Convention “shall be open for accession by regional economic integration organizations constituted by sovereign States which have competence in respect of the negotiation, conclusion and implementation of international agreements in matters transferred to them by their Member States and covered by this Convention.”

Ultimately, it is for the Depositary of a Multilateral Environment Agreement to make a determination as to whether the organization that seeks to accede to such an Agreement falls within the meaning of a “political or regional economic integration organization”.

In conclusion on operative paragraph 3, based upon existing United Nations practice, the participants to the international meeting would include the 193 Member States, four additional non-Member States that are States members of Specialized Agencies, Cook Islands, Holy See, Niue and the State of Palestine and one regional economic integration organization, the European Union.

As far as the term, “participate on an equal footing” is concerned, this is not a term that is used frequently within the context of the United Nations. However, in certain cases it has been used to indicate that all States, participate in an intergovernmental meeting on an equal basis, and with no differentiation.

As far as operative paragraph 19 is concerned, the paragraph makes the rules relating to the procedure and the established practice of the General Assembly applicable mutatis mutandis to the procedure of the international meeting. Operative paragraph 19 relates exclusively to the procedures and practices for the conduct of the meeting. It does not address participation that is governed by operative paragraph 3. The two paragraphs read together mean that all the participants as defined by operative paragraph 3 would have the same status at the international meeting and enjoy the same rights and privileges under the rules relating to the procedure and practice of the General Assembly, as applicable to the international meeting.

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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, including 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;

OP1 Welcomes the generous offer of the Government of Sweden to host and assume the costs of the international meeting, with the support of the Government of Kenya;

OP2 Further decides that the international meeting should be mutually reinforcing with UNEP@50, avoiding overlap and duplication;

OP3 Also decides that the international meeting and its preparation 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;

OP4 Encourages participation in the international meeting at the highest possible level;

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;

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 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:  
   Thursday, 2 June: from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
   Friday, 3 June: from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 7 p.m.;

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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 pollutions; United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification; 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.
OP9 Decides that the leadership dialogues will be held in parallel with the plenary meetings, as follows:

Thursday, 2 June: from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Friday, 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;

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 for actions to achieve a healthy planet and prosperity of all;


Leadership dialogue 3: Accelerating the implementation of the environmental dimension of Sustainable Development in the context of the Decade of Action.

(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;

OP12 Invites participants to share experiences and initiatives to protect our planet and contribute to sustainable development, including a sustainable, resilient and inclusive recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic;

OP13 Invites all relevant stakeholders, including women, youth, older persons, persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples and local communities, to contribute to the discussions of the international meeting and their preparation and to build momentum for a healthy planet for the prosperity for all;

OP14 Invites the Secretary-General to appoint the Executive Director of UNEP as the Secretary-General of the international meeting;

OP15 Requests the Secretary-General of the international meeting to prepare by the end of March 2022 a concept note and draft background papers for each of the leadership dialogues for the international meeting before its preparatory meeting;

OP16 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;

OP17 Recommends the provisional agenda set forth in annex I to the present resolution for adoption by the international meeting;

OP18 Decides that the international meeting shall be organized in accordance with the organization of work set forth in annex II to the present resolution;

OP19 Also decides that the rules relating to the procedure and the established practice of the General
Assembly apply *mutatis mutandis* to the procedure of the international meeting;

OP20 *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;

OP21 *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;

OP22 *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;

OP23: *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;

OP24 *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, indigenous peoples’ 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;

OP25 *decides* that accreditation to the international meeting shall be in accordance with the provisions set forth in annex II to the present resolution;

OP26 *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;
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. Leadership 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:

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

   Thursday, 2 June: from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
   Friday, 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 be 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 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 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, World Summit on Sustainable Development, the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, the United Nations Summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda, 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, in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, those that were accredited to the conferences and summits listed in paragraph 12 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 list 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 Presidents and Vice-Presidents.

VI. Documentation

18. The official documentation of the international meeting will include documents issued before, during and after the international meeting.

19. 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. The summary of the plenary meetings and the leadership dialogues should also be included in the report of the international meeting.

VII. Organization of parallel meetings and other events of the 2022 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, may 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.