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Outline

1. Format, agenda and structure for UNEA-5 in February 2021
2. Possible outcomes at the virtual meeting of UNEA-5
3. Stakeholder engagement towards UNEA-5
4. Looking ahead
On 8 October 2020, the UNEA Bureau agreed to a “two-step” approach; organizing a virtual 1-2 day meeting of UNEA-5 on 22-23 February 2021, and a resumed session to take place in person in February 2022.

Many member States are not comfortable to conduct negotiations online. For this reason, the virtual session will focus only on the most urgent administrative decisions.

Member States are divided on if the virtual session should be at ministerial level and result in a consensual political message on Building Back Better.
## Draft structure for UNEA-5 step 1

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Adjournment (Wrap-up) Plenary Session

- Summary of leadership dialogues
- Adoption of procedural decisions (including A5/4 and FOW)
- Convivial statement (check-off of UNEA/6)
- Adoption of the declaration

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Leadership Dialogue: Group A

- Contribution of the environmental dimension of sustainable development to building a resilient and inclusive post-pandemic world
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Possible outcomes at the virtual meeting of UNEA-5

**Procedural decisions which require urgent consideration**
- Decision on the programme of work and budget for 2022–2023 and medium term strategy for 2022-2025;
- Decision on management of trust funds and earmarked contributions;
- Decision on the date and format of the resumed session in 2022

**Other processes which are currently under review**
- Future of the Global Environment Outlook process
- Outcome of the ad hoc expert group on marine litter and microplastics
- Consensual process for review by the CPRx
- Implementation of UNGA resolution 73/333
- Implementation plan of paragraph 88 of the outcome document from Rio + 20

**Consensual message from the President of UNEA**
- Draft shared in mid-November, first consultation on 8 December
- A full Ministerial Declaration is expected to be adopted at the resumed session
Stakeholder Engagement towards UNEA 5

Three levels of engagement

Agenda-setting
- Policy shaping
- Global political agenda setting
- UNEA agenda setting

Decision-making/shaping
- Policy deliberations leading to decision-making
- Transparency and access-to-information

Implementation
- Strategic partnerships for implementation of UNEP’s policies
- Strategic partnerships for achieving sustainable development

Expert input and advice
Looking ahead towards the resumed session of UNEA-5

• Will take place in Nairobi in February 2022, as an in-person meeting – exact date to be decided
• Theme will remain the same: “Strengthening Actions for Nature to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals”
• The UNEA President will continue consultations on a Ministerial Declaration
• Member States may table early draft resolutions with a focus on “nature”
• UNEP@50 will be celebrated back-to-back, with a possible adoption of a Declaration developed through the process under General Assembly resolution 73/333
• Sweden has offered to host a UN meeting to commemorate the 1972 Stockholm Conference
Thank you

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Chemicals and Waste Briefing | Year in Review and Priorities for 2021
16 DEC 2020 09:00 - 10:30
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Building Forward Better: Prospects for Green Recovery Efforts
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