

Cluster 5: Administrative and Organisational Matters

**Item 14: Draft resolution from the Russian Federation on Compliance of Equitable Geographical ‘Representation and Balance in the secretariat of UNEP’**

Text not available. Pacific is underrepresented within UNEP Secretariat and in principle recommend supporting the resolution. Consider recommending that for UNEP sub-regional offices desirable that Head of Office be recruited from the region to benefit from local knowledge, networks and sensitivity to sub-regional issues. Note that the geographical representation is regional based meaning Pacific will be part of Asia Pacific – need to have special case for Pacific Sub-region.

**Item 15: Draft resolution from the secretariat on the ‘Future of the Global Environment Outlook’**

Paragraph	Alignment of the draft resolutions with Pacific region goals, initiatives and frameworks	Recommendations and comments
<p>PP5 Noting the criteria set out in the options document by the Steering Committee for evaluating the</p> <p>options: mandate consistency, relevance, legitimacy, credibility, accessibility, added value and overall feasibility.</p> <p>1. Reaffirms that the objective of the GEO process is to keep the world environmental situation under review in order to periodically inform and support collective and individual action by UN Member States, stakeholders and other actors, while strengthening UNEP’s science-policy interface.</p>	<p>Aligns with SPREP Strategic Plan Regional Goal 4.3 “Strengthen environmental data collection, monitoring, and analysis and reporting on results, nationally and regionally.”</p> <p>UNEP &amp; SPREP have assisted through a number of projects to strengthen pacific data management capacity including GEF INFORM, ACP MEAs Capacity Building and BIOPAMA but needs long term</p>	<p>Agree with reaffirming Objectives of GEO and need to support members to be able engage in process.</p> <p>Agree with need to build capacity in analysis of data to ensure evidence-based information provided towards strengthening of science-policy interface</p>

	financing and technical support.	
2. Affirms that the aim of the GEO process is to achieve the objective as set out above and undertake an intergovernmental and expert-led assessment and provide support to inter-governmentally agreed needs and terms for capacity building, knowledge generation and policy making.	SPREP Strategic Plan Regional Goal 4.2 “Improve national capacity for good environmental governance supported by technical assistance for the development of policy and legislation, and in support of the implementation of Member international and regional commitments.”	Agree but raise that Pacific has existing frameworks and networks in environmental thematic areas such as Climate Change, Biodiversity/Nature Conservation and Waste/Pollution, we need to link to these global network and assessment groups.
3. Requests the Executive Director to convene ad-hoc open ended intergovernmental consultative meetings consisting of Member States and accredited observers to UNEA and establish [a high-level intergovernmental and stakeholder advisory group] [an intergovernmental and multistakeholder steering group, established directly under the auspices of UNEA] and a multidisciplinary expert advisory group responsible for overseeing the GEO process pursuant to the terms of reference and guidance for selection set out in the Annex to the present resolution;	Aligns with SPREP Strategic Plan Regional Goal 4	Text of 3 has open-ended consultative meeting while 3 alternative text establishes subsidiary body. Need to ensure equitable representation of all regions and sub-regions. In our case the experience and context of Asia different from Pacific so need sub-regional representation. Group is open-ended but need to actively facilitate equitable representation.  The alternative text sets up more formal arrangement with bureau that will ensure equitable representation and also the setup of expert panel

<p>3 alt Decides to establish a standing ad-hoc open-ended subsidiary body of Member States and</p> <p>accredited observers to UNEA, which would elect its officers constituting its Bureau and</p> <p>establish a multidisciplinary expert panel, responsible for overseeing the GEO process pursuant to the terms of reference and the guidance for selection set out in the Annex to the present</p> <p>resolution;</p>		<p>The alternate text has more concrete recommendations to ensure follow up and implementation arrangements. Original Para 3 text also has similar arrangements but they are still in square brackets (meaning text is still under negotiation)</p>
<p>4. Takes note of the options presented in the options document of the Steering Group and the results of the consultations and decides that the core function of the future GEO process should be to undertake intergovernmental and expert led [comprehensive global integrated environmental assessments, with regional specificities, every four years] [which include] [syntheses of global assessments] [supplemented by] [thematic assessments, as and when needed] [in combination], including analysis of environmental status and trends, to address identified needs, priorities and emerging issues, based on inputs from Member States, stakeholders and experts;</p>	<p>Aligns with SPREP Strategic Plan Regional Goal 4</p>	<p>Note some text in square brackets that will determine scope of assessments.</p>

<p>5. Also decides that the GEO process should identify inter-governmentally defined needs and terms for support to capacity building, knowledge generation, and policy making and provide support services for addressing those needs in partnership with relevant institutions, as appropriate.</p>	<p>Aligns with SPREP Strategic Plan Regional Goal 4</p>	<p>Agree for need to define and support capacity building needs and stress that this should also consider contexts of different sub-regions and take into account needs already identified through sub-regional consultations.</p>
<p>6. [Requests the Executive Director, with the guidance from the intergovernmental and stakeholder advisory group, to] [Decides that the mandate of the [intergovernmental steering group] [ad-hoc open-ended subsidiary body] is to]:</p> <p>a) Create a set of procedures considered by Member States that reflects the objectives, core function, set out above and takes into account the criteria and process elements identified by the Steering Committee for the future of GEO [to be presented at ad-hoc open ended intergovernmental consultative meetings];</p> <p>b) Develop a multi-year work plan and time bound budget to setting out a programme of assessments and support services to implement UNEA’s decision according to needs identified by Member States and in consultation with stakeholders,</p>	<p>Aligns with SPREP Strategic Plan Regional Goal 4</p>	<p>Note text in square brackets. Raise need for UNEP to work closely with regional organisations such as SPREP, SPC and USP and also national universities and research organisations.</p>



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including with relevant MEAs and other assessment processes [to be presented at ad-hoc open ended intergovernmental consultative

meetings];

c) Facilitate the science-policy interface by developing for each assessment a scoping document and a summary for policymakers prepared by experts which will be considered for endorsement by representatives of Member States;

d) Scope and approve the undertaking of intergovernmental and expert led assessments in

accordance with the multi-year work plan and a time bound budget [considered in the ad-hoc

open ended intergovernmental consultative meetings]

e) Ensure that GEO draws from the evidence base of peer-reviewed literature, national peer reviewed assessments, and other international and UN-led assessments and data, analysis and information and other credible sources such as , the World Environment Situation Room, and elements of knowledge generation within and outside of UNEP, including the Global Environmental Monitoring System (GEMS), the SDG indicators and statistics work, as well as key partnerships with the

<p>GLOBE and GRID networks, being embedded in UNEP's Global Environmental Data Strategy.</p>		
<p>7. Requests the Executive Director, in accordance with the mandate of UNEP on keeping the world environmental situation under review, to administer the GEO process, by developing and implementing streamlined and cost-effective governance and administration, by providing [adequate, predictable and stable financial] resources from core funds, including the Environment Fund, by allocating sufficient human resources for UNEP Secretariat and by fostering in-house contributions and expertise, by facilitating partnerships with collaborating centers and assistance from technical support units, and where appropriate by facilitating the mobilization of extra-budgetary resources for the process [including ,for example, through specific vehicles for collection of these resources, [such as a dedicated trust fund] ]</p>	<p>Aligns with SPREP Strategic Plan Regional Goal 4</p>	<p>Agree especially setting up of dedicated trust fund or financing mechanism but these resources should also be available to assist sub-regional partners to contribute to work</p>