

## Strengthening the Environmental Activities in the UN System

Co-Chairs' Options Paper	May 2 <sup>nd</sup> Draft Resolution	July 23 <sup>rd</sup> Draft Resolution
<i>Scientific assessment, monitoring and early warning capacity</i>		
Create position of chief scientist at UNEP— <i>functions include management of scientific assessment, monitoring, and early warning work; provision of policy makers with authoritative scientific knowledge; interaction with scientific work of MEAs; and identification of emerging threats</i>	Create position of Chief Scientific Capacity (OP3)— <i>functions include convening leading scientists; facilitating independent knowledge and overseeing scientific assessment; monitoring and early warning work</i>	Unchanged, except specifies “within the Programme” (OP3)
Encourage user-friendly presentations	Present scientific findings in a user-friendly way (OP2)	Present and diffuse findings in a user-friendly way (OP2)
Encourage UNEP to partner systematically with scientific institutions	Interact with existing scientific bodies, including scientific institutions and NGOs (OP2)	Adds “promote research” and specifies “in all geographic regions” (OP2)
Implement the Environment Watch Strategy Vision 2020	No mention	No mention
Connect UNEP to the Global Earth Observation System of Systems	No mention	No mention
<i>Coordination and cooperation at the level of agencies</i>		
Improve cooperation between UNEP and UNDP— <i>implement existing Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between them and clarify respective roles in implementation of the Bali Strategic Plan (BSP)</i>	Cooperation between UNEP and UNDP in the implementation of the BSP (OP8)— <i>deepen at country level and consolidate interaction with IFIs and MEAs; amend existing MoU</i>	Unchanged, except specifies “in order to clarify their respective roles and tasks” (OP8)
Task UNEP with chairing environmental subgroup of UNDG	No mention	No mention
Involve UNEP in “one UN” pilot countries	No mention	No mention
Improve the Environment Management Group (EMG)— <i>establish as a committee of the UN Chief Executive Board (CEB); report to the GA and CEB</i>	Place EMG under the direct authority of the SG (OP6); set up issue based groups to coordinate with institutions from within and outside of the UN system (OP7)	Places EMG under the direct authority of the SG within the framework of the CEB (OP6); cooperation of EMG with all parts of the UN system and relevant MEAs (OP5); structure work around key areas (OP7)
Strengthen cooperation between UNEP and international economic, trade and financial	Recommends that UNEP and MEAs ask for formal inclusion as observers on all relevant	Unchanged (OP10)

organizations; make UNEP and MEAs formal observers in the WTO and vice versa	committees of the WTO (OP10)	
<i>Multilateral Environmental Agreements</i>		
Initiate thematic, programmatic and administrative clustering of MEAs— <i>categories should be: Conservation; Global Atmosphere; Hazardous Substances; and Marine and Oceans</i>	Urges MEAs to explore the potential for cluster-wise cooperation and invites the UNEP to identify clusters (OP13)	Changed “urges” to “emphasizes the need for” (OP12)
Gradually integrate MEA secretariats	Requests the Executive Director of the UNEP to administer Secretariats of the Conventions under his authority and to enable synergies among the Convention Secretariats (OP17)	Unchanged (OP17)
Ensure that any savings resulting from improved coordination and cooperation of MEAs are used to increase implementation activities	No mention	Ensure that any savings resulting from improved coordination and cooperation of MEAs will be used to increase implementation activities (OP17)
<i>Regional presence and activities at the regional level</i>		
Strengthen links between UNEP’s regional offices and scientific networks, regional organizations, and UN Regional Commissions	Strengthen regional presence, cooperate with relevant regional actors, including UN Economic Commissions (OP20)	Changes “United Nations Economic Commissions” to “United Nations Regional Commissions” (OP20)
Charge UNEP regional offices with capacity-building and technology support in regard to the implementation of the BSP	Calls upon UNEP to strengthen regional offices to facilitate support for implementation of BSP (OP19)	Removes “by ... providing them with the resources to fulfil [sic] their capacity building and technology support mandates” (OP19)
Coordinate pilot programs with UNDP	No mention	No mention

<i>Bali Strategic Plan, capacity-building, technology support</i>		
BSP should serve as the overarching guiding framework for operational activities of MEAs, UN agencies and IFIs at country level	BSP should serve as the overarching guiding framework for operational activities of MEAs, UN agencies and IFIs at country level (OP22)	Urges the full implementation of the BSP as a component for strengthening the international environmental government (OP22)
<i>IT, partnerships and advocacy</i>		
Establish a unified clearing-house mechanism of best practices and lessons learned— <i>supported through collaboration of MEAs and other partners</i>	Urges SG to make available state-of-the-art IT in order to enhance cooperation, resource management and knowledge sharing between different parts of the system (OP26)	Adds “in improving Information Technologies throughout the United Nations system” (OP27)
<i>Financing</i>		
Strengthen the financial basis of UNEP— <i>better balance between earmarked and non-earmarked resources; result-based budgeting; continued application of indicative scale of assessment</i>	Underscores the urgency of improving financing for IEG through timely and adequate funding (OP27); doubles contributions of UN budgeted to UNEP (OP32)	Removes old OP27; OP32 unchanged; adds paragraph encouraging continued use of voluntary indicative scale of contributions (OP29)
Assess financial needs— <i>financial tracking system; funding structure able to receive private donations</i>	Creates Global Environmental Tracking System (OP28)— <i>voluntary self-reporting by donors and recipients</i>	OP28 unchanged; adds paragraph asking SG to submit recommendations for ensuring new and additional resources, including innovative sources of financing (OP31)
Make more efficient use of existing resources— <i>avoid duplications of efforts; more effective direction of resources into capacity building and technology support</i>	No specific mention	No specific mention
<i>The broader transformation of the IEG system</i>		
Discusses options for strengthening a global environmental pillar, possibly by transforming GMEF into a UN Environment Organization	Decides to continue examination of this issue (OP33) and to continue informal consultations on IEG (OP34)	Unchanged