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**Information on the implementation of decision 5/2 on the
medium-term strategy for 2022–2025 and programme of work
and budget for the biennium 2022–2023**

Note by the secretariat

I. Introduction

1. In paragraph 13 of its decision 5/2 on the medium-term strategy for the period 2022–2025 and the programme of work and budget for the biennium 2022–2023, the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) requested the Executive Director of UNEP to continue to report to Member States through the meeting of the annual subcommittee of the Committee of Permanent Representatives and to the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme at its sessions, on evaluation findings and the progress made in respect of the performance of each subprogramme and its expected accomplishments, and on the execution of the budget of the Environment Fund, including voluntary contributions, expenditures and reallocations of appropriations or adjustments of allocations.

2. The present note provides an update on progress made in the implementation of decision 5/2 in terms of the requests set out in paragraph 13.

II. Progress in the implementation of decision 5/2

3. Through the presentation of periodic reviews of the performance of its programmes of work and mandated performance reports, UNEP has consistently reported to Member States through the meetings of the annual subcommittee of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, and to the United Nations Environment Assembly, on evaluation findings and the progress made in respect of the performance of each subprogramme and its expected accomplishments and on the execution of the budget of the Environment Fund, including voluntary contributions, expenditures and reallocations of appropriations or adjustments of allocations.

4. In the biennium 2022–2023, regular updates were provided through programme performance reviews to the ninth and tenth annual subcommittee meetings, the *Programme Performance Report January to December 2022*, and the quarterly reports of the Executive Director to the Committee of

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Permanent Representatives at its 158th to 164th meetings.¹ Member States provided valuable feedback and guidance. Evaluation findings and relevant management responses were also considered.

III. Lessons learned

5. Given the critical role of annual subcommittee meetings in the oversight of programme of work and budget implementation, the timing of meetings and the consideration of programme performance reports should be aligned.

IV. Recommendations and suggested actions

6. The Environment Assembly may wish to take note of the present report and provide further guidance as appropriate.

¹ The information reported is available at [UNEP Performance Reports; Ninth Annual Meeting of the CPR Sub-Committee; Tenth Annual Meeting of the CPR Sub-Committee.](#)