

LAW DIVISION (For Orientation of new Members of the Committee of Permanent Representatives)

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Environmental Governance subprogramme

Overall objective: Promoting policy coherence and strong legal and institutional frameworks to achieve environmental goals in the context of sustainable development

Environmental issues are handled in an inclusive, sustainable and coherent manner, based on integrated policy and effective norms and institutions at all levels of governance (including global, regional, sub-regional, transboundary and national)

SDGs: 1, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17

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The international community increasingly converges on common and integrated approaches to achieve environmental objectives and implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Institutional capacity and policy and legal frameworks enhanced to achieve internationally agreed environmental goals, including the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the SDGs

Fostering international , including MEAs, coherence & synergy

Strengthening laws & institutions

Mainstreaming the environment into development planning and budgeting



A sustainable, healthier, fairer, more just and prosperous world with legal order

- ✓ Environmental Justice
- ✓ Environmental Rule of Law
- ✓ Human rights and the environment
- ✓ Montevideo Programme: Addressing priority issues and closing legal gaps
- Adequate, fair, clear and implementable environmental laws
- ✓ Stronger capacities to comply with and enforce environmental obligations
- Environmental crime and illegal exploitation of natural resources
- Environmental law and health: Legal limits for lead in paint
- ✓ Legal order of the oceans
- ✓ Green economy law



Global Report on the Status of Legal Limits on Lead in Paint **International Environmental Governance:**

Bringing the System together

- ✓ Rio+20 paragraphs 88 and 89, UNGA resolution 70/1 (2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and SDGs)
- ✓ UNEA resolutions 1/11 & 2/5 on UN system-wide coherence
- Strategic policy for integrated and coherent environmental governance
- Synergies among Multilateral Environmental Agreements
 Sound management of chemicals and hazardous waste
 Sustainable management of ecosystems and biodiversity





Strategic Partnerships

- Major groups and stakeholders including Private Sector
- Enforcement agencies:
 - Judiciary
 - Prosecution
 - Parliaments
- Academic Institutions



- UN Institutions
- MEAs Secretariats
- Governments
- Regional Organizations

- Green Customs for trade-related MEAs (plus Interpol and World Customs Organization)
- ECOLEX Gateway of environmental law database (jointly between UN Environment, FAO & IUCN)
- InforMEA and IKM jointly with over 20 MEAs secretariats, UN agencies and international NGOs
- MEAs ACP ACP countries, ACP secretariat, FAO, UN Environment and donor (EU)
- African Elephant Fund Secretariat Donors (various) and elephant range states

SHAPING THE AGENDA GOING FORWARD New Horizons – Where we are going

- ✓ Engage the world and cooperate inclusively on delivering environmental justice in the context of the 2030 Agenda
- Promoting fair and just societies, govern the world's natural resources more sustainably
- Consolidate efforts and activities directed at the implementation of the SDGs
- Strengthen governance and environmental rule of law to make societies collectively more fit to meet global environmental challenges for 2030 Agenda
- Improve existing communications strategy to engage business in participating in these efforts and harness resources in pursuit of UN Environment's shared agenda

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