



UNEA-6

26 February – 1 March 2024, Nairobi, Kenya

The sixth session of the UN Environment Assembly (UNEA-6)

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28th session of the Committee on Environmental Policy, 1-3 November 2023



10 years of UNEA and 90 resolutions and 12 decisions

2014

UNEA-1

23–27 Jun

17 resolutions and 2 decisions

160 countries

2016

UNEA-2

23–27 May

25 resolutions

Over 2,500 participants from 174 countries (123 at ministerial level) and 230 representatives of business and 400 from accredited Major Groups & Stakeholders.

2017

UNEA-3

4–6 Dec

11 resolutions and 3 decisions

Over 4,300 participants
170 countries, 711 representatives of Major Groups and other stakeholders, and 94 IGOs.

2019

UNEA-4

11–15 Mar

23 resolutions and 3 decisions

Almost 5,000 participants
179 countries

2021-22

UNEA-5

22–23 Feb 2021
21 Feb–4 Mar 2022

14 resolutions and 4 decisions

2021: 151 countries attended online session
2022 (5.2.) over 5,000 participants

Special session UNEP@50

2024

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Impactful environmental outcomes

Expected over 6,000 participants

Multilateral Environmental Agreements Day

UNEA was established in June 2012 as a result of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, also known as Rio+20. The outcome document, **The Future We Want**, called on the UN General Assembly to strengthen and upgrade UNEP. The UNGA then adopted resolution 67/213 on strengthening and upgrading UNEP and establishing universal membership of its Governing Council. In March 2013, the UNGA further adopted resolution 67/251, which changed the designation of the UNEP Governing Council to the UNEA. [Environment Assembly \(unep.org\)](http://unep.org)

Its **five sessions** have **generated considerable political momentum**, and **yielded results**, on a variety of **critically important issues**, including air pollution, biodiversity and health, financing for development, plastic pollution, marine litter, environmental education, water management, nature-based solutions, sustainable consumption and production, Sustainable and Resilient Infrastructure, climate change, Science-Policy Panel for chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution the illegal wildlife trade and protecting the environment in areas affected by armed conflict and disasters, minerals and metals management, sustainable and resilient infrastructure, amongst many others.

UNEA-6 will seize the moment

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Theme:

Effective, inclusive and sustainable multilateral actions to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution

[\[UNEA-6 theme\]](#)

UNEA-6 will set the scene and guide discussion towards **environmental multilateralism and actions** needed to accelerate the implementation of 2023 Agenda and key issues [GBF, Water, minerals & metals, climate-altering technologies, aligning the financial system for sustainability].

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UNEA-6 Ministerial Declaration

Consultations are held under the leadership of the UNEA-6 Presidency

The **roadmap** for the consultation on the UNEA-6 ministerial declaration was shared in April 2023.

The **“zero draft”** was circulated on **5 May**

The **first informal consultations** on the zero draft was held **20 June**

The **“first draft”** was circulated on **17 August**, with an invitation for written input by **29 September**

The **second informal consultations** was held on **26 September**

The **“second draft”** of the ministerial declaration will be circulated at the **end of October**.

The **Third informal consultations** will be on **8 November**

Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the session.
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Credentials of representatives.
4. Report of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.
5. International environmental policy and governance issues.
6. Programme of work and budget, and other administrative and budgetary issues.
7. Stakeholder engagement.
8. Contributions to the meetings of the HLPF and implementation of the environmental dimension of the 2030 Agenda.
9. High-level segment.
10. Cooperation with multilateral environmental agreements ([UNEP/EA.6/15](#)).
11. Provisional agenda, date and venue of the seventh session of the Environment Assembly.
12. Adoption of the resolutions, decisions and outcome document of the session.
13. Election of officers.
14. Other matters.
15. Adoption of the report.
16. Closure of the session.

Structure

				High-level segment					
Monday, 26 February 2024		Tuesday, 27 February 2024		Wednesday, 28 February 2024		Thursday, 29 February 2024		Friday, 1 March 2024	
08:00	Bureau meeting	Bureau meeting	Bureau meeting	Ministerial breakfast [TBC]	Bureau meeting	Bureau meeting			
09:00	Reg/pol group meetings Major Groups meetings	Reg/pol group meetings Major Groups meetings	Reg/pol group meetings Major Groups meetings	Cooperation with the MEAs [CR1] [item10]	Reg/pol group meetings Major Groups meetings	Reg/pol group meetings Major Groups meetings			
10:00	UNEA-6 Opening Plenary [CR 2-3-4] - Opening of the session [item 1] - Adoption of the agenda [item 2] - Establishment of the COW - Statements [item 1] - Report from the CPR Chair [item 4] - Credentials of representatives [item 3] - Contributions to the HLPF [item 8]	Committee of the Whole [CR 2-3-4]/ Working Groups [Consideration of agenda items 5, 6 and 11]	Committee of the Whole [CR 2-3-4]/ Working Groups [Consideration of agenda items 5, 6 and 11]	High-Level Dialogue on Cooperation with MEAs [CR1] Strengthening science policy interface for effective implementation of environmental commitments	UNEA-6 High-level segment [item 9] [CR 2-3-4] Opening Plenary Effective, inclusive and sustainable multilateral actions to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution		Plenary [CR 2-3-4] National Statements [item 9] (List of speakers)	Leadership Dialogue [CR 1]* focusing on finance solutions	
13:00					Committee of the Whole Opening Plenary [CR 2,3,4] [Consideration of agenda items 5, 6 and 11]	Plenary [CR 2-3-4] National Statements [item 9] (List of speakers)		Leadership Dialogue [CR 1]* focusing on governance and advocacy solutions	
13:30	Side event(s)	Side event(s)	Side event(s)	Side event(s)	Side event(s)	Side event(s)			
14:45	Committee of the Whole [CR 2-3-4]/ Working Groups [Consideration of agenda items 5, 6 and 11]	Committee of the Whole [CR 2-3-4]/ Working Groups [Consideration of agenda items 5, 6 and 11]	Committee of the Whole Closing Plenary [CR 2-3-4] [Consideration of agenda items 5, 6 and 11]	High-Level Dialogue on Cooperation with MEAs [CR 1] Strengthening cooperation between UNEA, UNEP and MEAs to enhance effective implementation at national level including through means of implementation	Plenary [CR 2-3-4] National Statements [item 9] (List of speakers)	Leadership Dialogue [CR 1]* focusing on science, data, and digital solutions	UNEA-6 Closing Plenary [CR 2-3-4] - High-level segment [item 9] – presentation of summaries - Cooperation with MEAs [item 10] - presentation of summaries - Credentials of representatives [item 3] - Action on draft Ministerial Declaration [item 12] - Action on draft resolutions/decisions [items 5, 6 and 12] - Stakeholder engagement [item 7] - presentation of summary - Provisional agenda, date and venue of UNEA-7 [items 11 and 12] - Election of officers [item 13] - Other matters [item 14] - Adoption of the report [item 15] - Closure of the session [item 16]		
15:00						Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue [CR 1] Inclusive actions to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution			
18:00	Side event(s)	Side event(s)	Side event(s)	Side event(s)	Side event(s)	Side event(s)			
18:30	Side event(s)	Side event(s)	Side event(s)	Side event(s)	Side event(s)	Side event(s)			
19:45	Side event(s)	Side event(s)	Side event(s)	Side event(s)	Side event(s)	Side event(s)			
Evening					Plenary [CR 2-3-4] National Statements [item 9] (List of speakers) [TBC]	High-level Host Country reception [TBC]	*Each Leadership Dialogue will focus on different transformative, multi-stakeholder and multi-level actions and solutions to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution		

Participation modalities

UNEA-6 meetings will be held fully in-person.

Video messages can be provided by Heads of State and Government who will not be able to participate in-person.

	In-Person	Online participation	Live streamed (view only)
Formal Plenary meetings	✓	✗	✓
Informal Plenary meetings	✓	✗	✓
Committee of the Whole plenary meetings	✓	✗	✓
CoW: Informal consultations/working groups	✓	✓	✗
OECPR Plenaries	✓	✓	✓
OECPR: Informal consultations/working groups	✓	✓	✗

Supplementary Agenda Item: Cooperation with MEAs

28 February 2024

Objective: The UNEA-6 theme provides a structured entry point to highlight the importance of cooperation with MEAs.

- Strengthen the engagement of MEAs in UNEA-6 to promote coherence between UNEA resolutions and decisions of MEA governing bodies whilst fully respecting the autonomy of MEAs.
- Enhance UNEA's relationship with MEAs to contribute to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. Strengthening convergence of action and dialogue on common strategies and sharing of experiences while providing increased visibility to the decisions of MEAs governing bodies.

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Themes of the high-level dialogues

The MEAs high level dialogues will be held on 28th February from 10:00 am to 1:00pm and from 3:00pm to 6:00pm;

- **Dialogue 1:** Strengthening science-policy interface for effective implementation of environmental commitments.
- **Dialogue 2:** Strengthening cooperation between UNEA, UNEP and MEAs to enhance effective implementation at the national level including through means of implementation.

MEAs exhibitions and related events

- Open to all UNEA participants.
- UNEP administered MEAs, UNCCD, UNFCCC, non-UNEP administered MEAs of the Liaison Group of Biodiversity related Conventions, as well as **UNECE environmental conventions** and others as appropriate.
- The panelists and introductory speakers will be determined later but several ministers who also serve as COP Presidents will play a role.

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National statements

High-level segment: Thursday, 29 February and Friday, 1 March 2024

Statements by Member States

- All Member States will have to an opportunity to deliver **one national statement** during the high-level segment.
- National statements are expected to be delivered **in-person**.
- Exceptionally, **pre-recorded video** messages could be provided by Heads of State and Government who will not be able to attend in person. These pre-recorded video messages would be played in the plenary.
- Pre-recorded video messages at ministerial-level or below would be uploaded on the website but not played in the meeting room and not reflected in the meeting report.

Statements by observers: Time permitting, observers will be able to deliver statements in person.

Leadership Dialogues

Leadership Dialogue 1: Science, data, and digital solutions

Thursday 29 February 2024, 15:00 to 16:30 EAT.

Leadership Dialogue 2: Finance solutions

Friday 1 March 2024, 10:00 to 11:30 EAT.

Leadership Dialogue 3: Governance and advocacy solutions

Friday 1 March 2024, 11:30 to 13:00 EAT.

Concept notes will be shared in December and will include guiding questions to help prepare interventions.

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Civil Society participation

European Major Groups and Stakeholder consultation (27-29 November 2023)

Youth Environment Assembly on 17 and 18 February at UNON

Global Major Groups and Stakeholder Forum ([GMGSF 21](#)) on 24 and 25 February 2024 at UNON

Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue on 29 February 2024

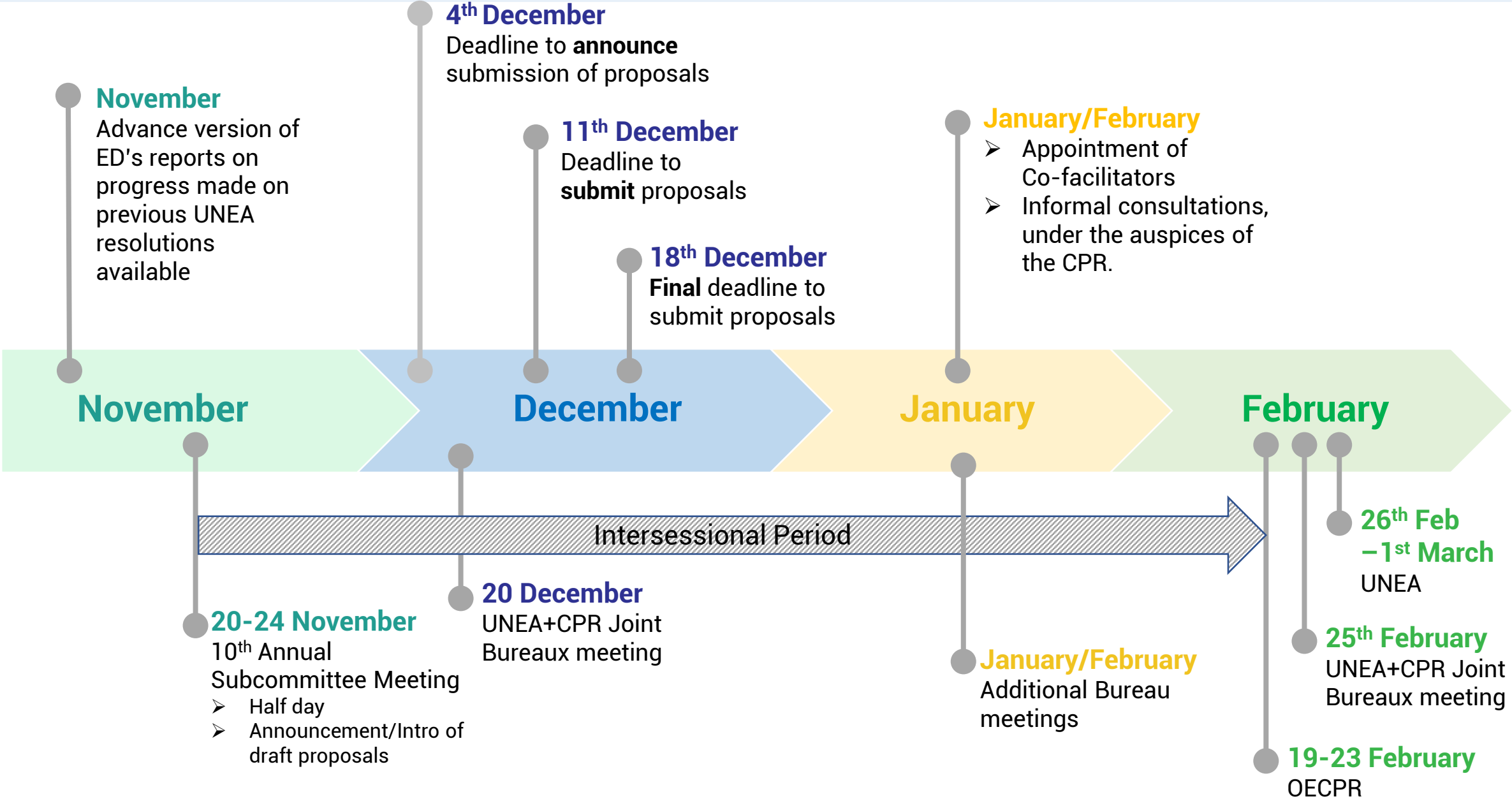
Green Room reserved primarily for the participating Major Groups and Stakeholders of civil society for morning and evening briefings, ad-hoc meetings, events and bilateral meetings.

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Preparatory process for draft resolutions/decisions





Sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-6)

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The sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-6) will be held from 26 February to 1 March 2024 at the UNEP headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya, under the theme: *Effective, inclusive and sustainable multilateral actions to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution.*

The sixth meeting of the [Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives \(OECPR\)](#) will take place from 19 to 23 February 2024.

All meetings in the UNEA-6 programme and OECPR will be conducted in-person with live interpretation and [webcast](#) available in all six UN languages. Informal consultations and working/ contact groups will be conducted in an English-only hybrid format (a combination of in-person and online participation).

Latest



REGISTRATION

Registration is now open



DOCUMENT

Structure of UNEA-6



SIDE EVENTS

Side event application opens 20 September

WHEN: 26 Feb 2024 - 1 Mar 2024

WHERE: Nairobi, Kenya

Notifications

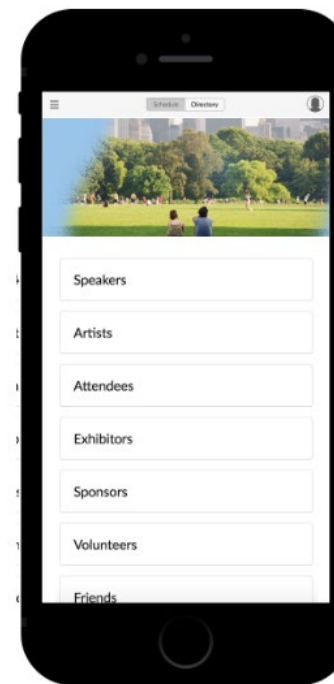
Read the provisional agenda

Registration is now open

Quick Access

Multilateral Environment Agreements Day

Input to the draft Ministerial Declaration



- ✓ Session documentation
- ✓ Resolutions Portal
- ✓ eDelegate portal
- ✓ UN Journal for Nairobi

www.unep.org/environmentassembly/unea6

Event app coming soon

Official side events Applications are open until 17 Nov

Official side events can be organized by UN Member States, [intergovernmental organizations](#), including the Secretariats of the Multilateral Environmental Agreements, specialized agencies and UN system entities and major groups and stakeholders [accredited](#) to the UN Environment Programme and its governing bodies. All interested parties are strongly encouraged to partner with others to organize an official side event.

[Side events \(UNEA-6 website\)](#)

Applications will be received through the online portal, to be screened and reviewed by UNEP and endorsement by the UNEA Bureau.

Registration and travel support

Registrations

- Opened on 13 September 2023
- Close on 9 February 2024
- Invitation letters issued
- Additional information will be made available on logistical arrangements.

Travel support

- maximum of two (2) delegates from developing countries
- Deadline to apply is 20 December 2023

[Registration & Travel support \(UNEA-6 website\)](#)

Budget and funding gap

Total budget estimate	4,387,000
Secured funding	
Regular budget (UNON)	708,000
Regular budget (UNEP)	450,000
UNEP contribution	1,500,000
Total secured funding	2,658,000
Total funding gap	1,729,000
Extrabudgetary contributions received	
XB (EU) *excluding PSC	560,748
XB (Hungary) *excluding PSC	4,873
Remaining funding gap	1,163,379

The total estimated budget is **USD 4.3 M**

Total secured funding is **USD 2.6 M**

Total funding gap is **USD 1.7 M**

Remaining funding gap is **USD 1.1 M**

Appeal for funds ongoing to support effective participation of developing countries with priority given to LDCs and SIDS



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