

The key points which Norway raised during the Committee of Permanent Representatives subcommittee meeting held on 7 February, 2017.

1. Norway cautioned against using too much time to negotiate the title. We supported the idea that it could be further discussed in the bureau(x) who could propose a title to member states. (I was not specific on which of the bureaux in particular at the meeting, but it stands to reason that the title would need to be considered by both the CPR- and UNEA-bureaux).
2. Given the consensus that the outcome be action-oriented, it makes sense that specific areas in which concrete actions are identified should be the areas that we prioritise.
3. In this context, Norway encourages the consideration of emerging issues, as was noted in the previous presentation on the sub-programme Environment under Review, such as those issues identified in the Frontiers 2017 report.
4. At the same time as there are long-standing issues, such as waste which important and which is linked to the implementation of the sustainable development goals.
5. There are also other events taking place during the year which could be useful in identifying priority areas, such as the work which will be done during the year on the Global Programme of Action on Protecting the Marine Environment from Land-Based Activities (GPA), which has included issues like marine litter and waste water.