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### 142nd meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Environment Programme

Nairobi, 10 May 2018

10:00 am to 1:00 pm and 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm.

Conference Room 1

### Chair's Report of the Subcommittee of the Committee of Permanent Representatives

1. Since the 141<sup>st</sup> meeting of Committee of Permanent Representatives, held on 20 February 201, there have been five sub-committee meetings. The Five Subcommittee meetings were held on 15 March 2018, 19 April 2018 (morning session), 19 April 2018 (afternoon session), 24 April 2018 (in the presence of the Executive Director) and 3 May 2018. In addition, one Secretariat briefing session was held on 7 March 2018.
2. The Subcommittee has through these meetings considered the implementation of the follow-up of the third session of the UN Environment Assembly, organization of the inter-sessional period leading to the fourth session of the UN Environment Assembly – including the dates for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting of the Subcommittee and the 4<sup>th</sup> Open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives - structure and theme for the fourth session of the UN Environment Assembly, the Ad-hoc Open-Ended Expert Group Meeting on the marine litter and microplastic resolution, World Environment Day, Clean Seas Campaign on marine litter, the UN Secretary-General's proposals on the reform of the UN Development System and the implementation of managerial reforms, as well as the contribution to the High-Level Political Forum from UN Environment Assembly. The subcommittee has also been briefed by the Secretariat on UN Environment Programme's work in regard to the: Sixth Global Environment Outlook, the InforMEA portal on Multilateral Environmental Agreements, the Programme's engagement in the Belt & Road Initiative, and a draft roadmap for developing the Programme of Work and Budget for the period 2020-2021.
3. The one Secretariat briefing held focused on the UN Environment Programme inquiry into the design of a sustainable financial system.
4. Through these meetings, the Subcommittee made commendable progress in overseeing and monitoring the implementation of the Programme of Work and the Environment Assembly resolutions. It also helped enhance UN Environment's visibility through providing guidance and inputs to the contribution of the President of the UN Environment Assembly to High-Level Political Forum. Members have expressed appreciation for the briefings on topical environmental issues by the Secretariat.
5. Members states had the opportunity to bid farewell to the former Deputy Executive Director of the UN Environment Programme, Mr. Ibrahim Thiaw at the last sub

Committee Meeting he attended on 19 April and also at a farewell reception hosted in his honour by the Executive Director, Mr. Erik Solheim, on 4 April 2018.