

Committee of Permanent Representatives  
Bureau Meeting  
Tuesday, 17 December 2019, 8.30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  
Governance Affairs Office Meeting Room  
United Nations Office at Nairobi, Gigiri

## **MEETING SUMMARY**

### **Agenda Item 1: Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda.**

1. H.E. Mr. Fernando Estellita Lins de Salvo Coimbra, Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Brazil, opened the meeting.

#### **The Committee of Permanent Representatives Bureau members:**

H.E. Mr. Fernando Coimbra, Chair, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Brazil;  
H.E. Mr. Sunil Da Silva, Vice Chair, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka;  
H.E. Mr. Frans Makken, Vice Chair, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands;  
H.E. Ms. Julia Pataki, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Romania;  
H.E. Mrs. Francisca Ashietey-Odunton, Rapporteur: High Commissioner and Permanent Representative of Ghana;  
Mr. Gustavo Baptista Barbosa, Deputy Head of Mission and Deputy Permanent Representative of Brazil;

#### **The President of UN Environment Assembly was represented by:**

H.E. Ms. Elin Bergithe Rognlie, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Norway;

#### **The UN Environment Programme Secretariat was represented by:**

Mr. Rafael Peralta, Acting Chief of Staff;  
Mr. Jorge Laguna-Celis, Secretary of Governing Bodies;  
Mr. Ulf Björnholm, Deputy Secretary of Governing Bodies.  
Mr. Andrew Raine, Law Division  
Ms. Tita Korvenoja, Law Division

2. The meeting agenda was adopted.

### **Agenda Item 2: Consideration of a questionnaire on the 50-year commemoration of the creation of UNEP**

3. The Chair recalled the outcome of the Joint meeting of the Bureaux of the UN Environment Assembly and the Committee of Permanent Representatives on 3

December 2019, and of the CPR Subcommittee meeting on 26 November, by which the Secretariat was requested to draft two questionnaires; one on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 73/333 and one on the 50-year commemoration of the creation of UNEP. He also recalled the joint statement by Sweden and Kenya at the 148<sup>th</sup> meeting of the CPR on their need to conduct informal consultations with regard to the offer from Sweden to host a UN high-level meeting on the 50-year commemoration of the Stockholm Conference in 2022.

4. Following a discussion amongst the Bureau members, it was decided to proceed with the draft questionnaire on General Assembly resolution 73/333, and to postpone the submission of a questionnaire on the commemoration of UNEP to allow for further informal consultations between Kenya and Sweden, the Executive Director and other interested parties, and to provide more time to the Secretariat to develop a draft questionnaire and update a background note in support of that questionnaire, to be circulated to Bureau members ahead of its next meeting. The Bureau also decided to include this issue as an agenda item at its next meeting, to be scheduled for 30 January 2020.

### **Agenda Item 3: Consideration of a questionnaire on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 73/333**

5. The Secretariat presented a draft questionnaire on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 73/333 and welcomed guidance on the text and on the deadline for responses.
6. The Bureau provided feedback on the draft questionnaire as a basis for a revised version from the Secretariat, to be cleared by the Bureau after the meeting and then submitted to member States and stakeholders as soon as possible, with a deadline for responses of 27 January 2020.
7. The Bureau also decided to add an agenda item on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 73/333 at the 149<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, scheduled for 18 February 2020, and to request the Secretariat to summarize and analyze the inputs from member States and stakeholders in a background document in support of discussions under this agenda item.

### **Agenda Item 4: Organization of Work.**

8. The Secretariat gave a short update on the implementation of paragraph 14 of Decision 4/2 on the development of an action plan for the implementation of paragraph 88 of “The Future We Want”, confirming that a background document will be made available to member States by early 2020 as a basis for further consideration in the CPR.
9. The Bureau welcomed the update and agreed that the matter should be considered at the subcommittee meeting on 23 January 2020 and that subsequently two subcommittee sessions should be allocated for this subject in March/April.

10. The Bureau also took note of a revised roadmap for the UNEP Governing Bodies January 2020 – February 2021, including new dates for the Joint Bureaux Retreat in Oslo, Norway, to be held on 9 – 10 June 2020, preceded by a Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum in Oslo, 7-8 June.

**Agenda Item 5: Other matters.**

11. In view of the approaching end of term of duty of H.E. Mr. Sunil De Silva, Vice Chair of the Bureau and High Commissioner and Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka, the Secretariat and the Bureau thanked the Ambassador for the active role he played as Vice Chair of the Bureau and during the UNEA-4 where he acted as co-facilitator for the negotiations of several UNEA resolutions. Mr. De Silva expressed his gratitude for all the support provided during his tenure and wished the Secretariat and the Bureau all the best as they continue their important work.

**Agenda Item 6: Closing of the Meeting.**

12. The meeting closed at 10:40 a.m.