
Meeting of the Bureau of the Environment Assembly
1 April 2020
16:30 – 18:00 (GMT +3 – Nairobi time)
Online meeting
Agenda item 4

Roadmap for consultations on follow-up of UN General Assembly resolution 73/333

This note serves as a background document for consideration under Agenda item 3: Consultations on General Assembly Resolution 73/333.

At the 149th meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives on 18 February 2020, the Committee adopted the roadmap for consultations on follow-up of UN General Assembly resolution 73/333, which was developed by the Secretariat, and endorsed by the President of the UN Environment Assembly and the Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.

On the basis of this roadmap, the Bureau will be invited to consider the process for nomination of co-facilitators and practical arrangements for future consultations on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 73/333.

Roadmap for consultations on follow-up of UN General Assembly resolution 73/333

With reference to the decision of the joint Bureaux meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives and UN Environment Assembly held on 3 December 2019 and taking into consideration the discussions at the Bureau meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives held on 17 December 2019, the Secretariat proposes the following roadmap for the implementation of relevant provisions of the UN General Assembly resolution 73/333 leading up to the Fifth Session of UN Environment Assembly (UNEA-5).

Institutional Setup

It is proposed that an informal consultation process open to all Member States and members of Specialized Agencies is established and undertaken in Nairobi under the auspices of Committee of Permanent Representatives, while maintaining regular coordination with the Bureaux of the Committee of Permanent Representatives and of the UN Environment Assembly through regular briefings.

Leadership

It is proposed that the consultation process is led by two co-facilitators, one from a developed and one from a developing country, appointed by the President of UN Environment Assembly and the Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, based on consultations with their respective Bureaux, and with the Chairs of the Regional Groups.

Proposed Roadmap

The Secretariat, following the preliminary analysis of inputs received from Member States and members of Specialized Agencies, after its adoption by the Committee of Permanent Representatives at its 149th meeting on 18 February 2020, will organize three substantive meetings in Nairobi to achieve the following objectives:

- The first substantive consultation meeting will take place in the second half of June (dates to be defined) after the 1st Joint retreat of the Bureaux of the UN Environment Assembly and the Committee of Permanent Representatives in Oslo, which is scheduled for early June 2020. The meeting will allow member States and members of Specialized Agencies to share ideas on the scope of the draft political declaration, taking into an outline/elements/building blocks paper developed by the co-facilitators with the support of the Secretariat based on the objectives and recommendations contained in UN General Assembly resolution 73/333, and drawing from the inputs sent in writing from member States and members of Specialized Agencies to the questionnaire. It is proposed that this meeting is held for 2 days.
- The second substantive consultation will take place in October (specific dates and duration to be defined at the first meeting) before the 7th Annual meeting of the sub-Committee of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (scheduled for 12-16 October 2020). The meeting will follow up on outcomes of the first consultation and consider possible draft elements for a procedural resolution for UNEA-5.
- Third substantive consultation will take place in late January/early February 2021, before the 5th Open-Ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives. The meeting will further consider the draft procedural resolution which will implement the mandate given to UNEA-5 by UN General Assembly resolution 73/333. The Secretariat will support the consultations, including through the submission of inputs.

The co-facilitators will regularly provide briefs and updates to both the Bureau of the UN Environment Assembly and to the Bureau of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, as needed, and will engage with Major Groups and Stakeholders, as appropriate. The co-facilitators will present the

outcomes of their work to the 5th Open-Ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives for onward transmission to UNEA-5.

To facilitate the participation of all member States and members of Specialized Agencies, the Secretariat will, subject to available resources, utilize funds from the trust fund of the ad hoc Open-ended Working Group established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 72/277 to support a limited number of delegates from developing countries, in particular least developed countries and small island developing states with special vulnerabilities, without diplomatic representation in Nairobi to participate in the meetings.

To this end, member States in a position to do so are encouraged to provide financial support to the trust fund mentioned above.