



Governance Affairs

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Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the Fourth Annual Subcommittee Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, which took place in Nairobi from 6 to 9 March, 2017. I wish to congratulate you on its successful conclusion.

The Fourth Annual Subcommittee meeting made significant progress with respect to preparations for the Open Ended Committee of Permanent Representatives and the Third Session of the Environment Assembly, which will take place from 4 to 6 December 2017. In this regard, I wish to draw your attention to an important agreement reached on the timeline for draft resolutions, building on the lessons learnt from past Environment Assemblies and the joint decisions reached out by the bureaux of the Assembly and of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.

Without prejudice to the Rules of Procedure, the Fourth Annual Subcommittee meeting agreed on the following timelines:

- 30 April 2017: Member States inform the Secretariat of their intention to submit draft resolutions
 - 20 May 2017: Secretariat activates single online platform for draft resolutions
 - 15 June 2017: First deadline for Member States to submit draft resolutions to the Secretariat
 - 27 June 2017: 139th Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives. (Agenda to include discussions on translated draft resolutions)
 - 22 September 2017: Second deadline for Member States to submit draft resolutions to the Secretariat
 - 10 October 2017: 140th Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives: (Agenda to include discussions on translated draft resolutions)
- Send off of draft resolutions to 3rd Meeting of the Open Ended Committee of Permanent Representatives

The Joint Bureaux Meeting of the Committee and the Assembly, held on 22 March 2017, endorsed this agreement. I wish to draw your attention to the first timeline of 30 April 2017. Member States are expected to inform the Secretariat of their intention to submit draft resolutions by this date. I look forward to your cooperation as we work together for a successful 2017 UN Environment Assembly.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration

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