Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Environment Programme

Fourth meeting
Nairobi, 4 March – 8 March 2019
Conference Room 2

Provisional agenda for the fourth meeting of the Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives

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5. Administrative and budgetary matters.
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Annotated provisional agenda of the fourth meeting of the Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

H.E. Ms. Francisca Ashietey-Odunton, High Commissioner and Permanent Representative of Ghana and Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, is expected to open the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, 4 March 2019. She will propose the adoption of the provisional agenda as set out in UNEP/OECPR.4/1.

2. Adoption of the minutes of the 145th meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives held on 19 February 2019.

The Chair will propose the adoption of the minutes of the 145th meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, as set out in UNEP/OECPR.4/2.

3. Organization of the work of the fourth meeting of the Open-Ended Committee of Permanent Representatives.

Under this agenda item, the meeting will discuss the organization of its work. It is expected to establish working groups for the finalization of resolutions. The plenary may take early decision on resolutions that do not require discussion in a working group.

4. Budget and Programme Performance, including implementation of the Assembly’s resolutions.

The Chair will invite the meeting to consider the following updates of the Executive Director, which have been prepared in response to the various decisions and resolutions of the previous sessions of the Environment Assembly:
1) Progress on pollution mitigation and control in areas affected by armed conflict or terrorism (EA.3/1)
2) Progress on pollution mitigation by mainstreaming biodiversity into key sectors (EA.3/2)
3) Progress on the contributions of the United Nations Environment Assembly to the high-level political forum on sustainable development (EA.3/3)
4) Progress on environment and health (EA.3/4)
5) Progress on investing in innovative environmental solutions for accelerating the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (EA.3/5)
6) Progress on managing soil pollution to achieve Sustainable Development (EA.3/6)
7) Progress on marine litter ad microplastics (EA.3/7)
8) Progress on preventing and reducing air pollution to improve air quality globally (EA.3/8)
9) Progress on eliminating exposure to lead paint and promoting environmentally sound management of waste lead-acid batteries (EA.3/9)
10) Progress on addressing water pollution to protect and restore water-related ecosystems (EA.3/10)
11) Progress on implementation of paragraph 88 (a)-(h) of the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, entitled “The future we want” (EA.3/11)
12) Ministerial declaration of the United Nations Environment Assembly at its third session: Towards a pollution-free planet (UNEP/EA.3/HLS.1)
13) Oceans and Seas (UNEP/EA.2/Res. 10)

5. Administrative and budgetary issues.

The meeting may consider other relevant administrative and budgetary matters on the basis of a presentation by the Secretariat including the Draft Programme of Work and Budget for 2020-21.

6. Contributions to the meetings of the high-level political forum on sustainable development.

The meeting is expected to consider the UN Environment Assembly’s contributions to the forthcoming meeting of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, to be organized under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council at the level of ministers with the theme “Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality” from 9 to 18 July 2019. The meeting of the forum will be followed by a “Sustainable Development Goals Summit”, which convenes every four years under the auspices of the General Assembly at the level of Heads of State and Government, from 24 to 25 September 2019.


The meeting is expected to consider the summary of the Sixth Global Environment Outlook report for policy makers.

8. Report on consultations of the Ministerial Declaration

The President of the United Nations Environment Assembly, H.E Mr. Siim Valmar Kiisler, Minister of Environment of Estonia, is expected to update the Committee on the status of consultations on the Ministerial Declaration.


The meeting will have before it a compilation of draft resolutions and decisions, which have been proposed by member States for consideration and adoption at the fourth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly. During the organization of work of the meeting under the Agenda Item 3, these resolutions may be allocated to different working groups for negotiation. The compilation will be updated after the fourth meeting of the Open-Ended
Committee of Permanent Representatives and transmitted to fourth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly.

10. Other matters.

The meeting will consider any other matters related to its work.

11. Closure of the meeting.

The meeting is expected to endorse a Chair’s summary of the meeting and conclude its work by 6:00p.m. on Friday, 8 March 2018.