

Summary of the Joint meeting of the Bureaux of the UN Environment Assembly and the Committee of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Environment Programme

25 February 2019

On 25 February 2019, Bureaux members of the UN Environment Assembly and the Committee of Permanent Representatives to the UN Environment Programme held a meeting via video-conference. The meeting was co-chaired by H.E. Mr. Siim V. Kiisler, President of the UN Environment Assembly and Minister of Environment of the Republic of Estonia and H.E. Ms. Francisca Ashietey -Odunton, Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives and High Commissioner and Permanent Representative of Ghana. A list of participants is made available in the annex to this summary.

This summary summarizes the key decisions and points of discussion during the joint Bureaux meeting.

Agenda Item 1: Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

1. The meeting opened at 4.00 p.m. The agenda was adopted.

Agenda Item 2: Update on the draft Ministerial Outcome Document

2. The President of the UN Environment Assembly provided an update on the development of the draft of the Ministerial Outcome Document, and noted that some Member States had among other issues underlined the need to find a good balance between the different components of the theme of the Assembly, the level of ambition with regard to targets and time-tables, and how to refer to means of implementation.
3. The meeting welcomed the draft Ministerial Declaration, and provided further guidance on some aspect of the text, including with regard to providing more focus to innovative solutions, appropriate references to the outcome of recent meetings on climate change and to means of implementation, a possible reference to urban sustainability, and further clarity on how the proposed targets relate to the 2030 agenda and Sustainable Development Goals.
4. The presidency took note of the concerns and explained the rationale behind some of the proposals in the draft document.

Agenda Item 3: Update on draft resolutions

5. The Secretariat provided an update on the package of draft resolutions, which was made available on the UN Environment Papersmart Portal.
6. The meeting recommended Member States in a position to do so to withdraw draft resolutions which had been integrated into consolidated versions with similar contents.
7. The meeting underlined the need to discourage member States from submitting new resolutions due to the high workload and limited time to address new resolutions.
8. The meeting was informed that Barbados had withdrawn the offer to co-facilitate the negotiations of draft resolutions under cluster 4, and that interest had been expressed by Indonesia to fulfil this role. It was also requested to clarify the roles of the existing co-

facilitators for the draft resolution on the Implementation Plan on pollution with regard to the Open-Ended Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.

9. The Chair concluded that a separate meeting should be convened between the Chair of the CPR, the designated Chair of the Committee of the Whole and the co-facilitators of the clusters of draft resolutions to discuss the division of work and the way forward on resolutions.
10. The Secretariat clarified that draft resolutions will be translated after they have been endorsed by the Open-Ended Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives , in view of final adoption by the UN Environment Assembly.

Agenda Item 4: Update on the programme and participation for the UN Environment

11. The Secretariat provided an update on the programme and participation for the UN Environment, and informed the meeting that over 85 ministers and 40 deputy ministers had confirmed attendance to date, as well as three Heads of State, the President of the General Assembly, the Chair of the ECOSOC, the Deputy Secretary-General of the UN, and about 10 heads of UN organizations.
12. The meeting was informed that a detailed of the programme of the opening plenary and national statements would be shared with Member States by 1 March 2019.
13. The Secretariat provided an update on the status of preparations for the leadership dialogues, and expressed hope that additional ministers would inscribe for leadership dialogue 3. An update on the speakers and panelists of the dialogues would be shared as soon as possible.
14. The meeting was informed that Ms. Inger Andersen is expected to attend the UN Environment Assembly in an unofficial capacity as Executive Director designate.

Agenda Item 5: Date of the next joint Bureaux meeting of the UN Environment Assembly and of the Committee of Permanent Representatives

15. The meeting agreed that the next meeting the Bureau of the UN Environment Assembly will be held on 10 March 2019 at 5.00 p.m. in Nairobi.

Agenda Item 6: Other matters

16. The meeting agreed that further work on the Terms of Reference should be put on hold at this time for further consideration by the incoming bureaux.
17. It was proposed to organize bureau meetings before regional group meetings during the Open-Ended Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, to allow for the bureau members to report back to the regional groups.
18. The President announced an informal event on 9 March 2019 pm, involving DJ's from all over the world.

**List of participants Joint meeting of the Bureaux of the UN Environment Assembly and the
Committee of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Environment Programme,
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UN Environment Assembly Bureau	
COUNTRY REGIONAL GROUP	NAME DESIGNATION
Estonia Eastern European Group	H.E Mr. Siim Valmar Kiisler, President, Minister of Environment
Estonia Eastern European Group	Mr. Ado Lohmus Special Envoy of the President, Deputy Secretary General, Ministry of Environment of Estonia,
Brazil Latin America and Caribbean Group	H.E. Mr. Fernando Estellita Lins de Salvo Coimbra, Vice President, Ambassador and Permanent Representative
Antigua and Barbuda Latin America and the Caribbean Group	Mr. Michai Robertson representing H.E. Mr. Molwyn Joseph Minister of Health and the Environment of Antigua and Barbuda
Switzerland Western European and Others Group	H.E. Mr. Felix Wertli, Vice President and Head of Section, Global Affairs, Federal Office of the Environment of Switzerland
Finland Western European and Others Group	H.E. Erik Lundberg Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Representing H.E. Mr. Kimmo Tiilikainen, Minister of the Environment, Energy and Housing
Singapore Asia-Pacific Group	Ms. MiakAw Hui Min representing H.E. Mr. Hazri HASSAN, Nominated rapporteur and Ambassador and Permanent Representative
Committee of Permanent Representatives Bureau	
Ghana Africa Group	H.E. Ms. Francisca Ashietey-Odunton, Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, High Commissioner and Permanent Representative
Colombia Latin America and Caribbean Group	H.E. Mrs. Elizabeth Ines Taylor Jay, Vice Chair and Ambassador - Designate and Permanent Representative
USA Western European and Others Group	H.E. Ms. Lori Peterson Dando, Vice Chair and Permanent Representative
Korea Asia Pacific Group	H.E. Mr Choi Yeongham Vice Chair and Ambassador and Permanent Representative
Poland Eastern European Group	H.E. Mr. Marek Rohr-Garztecki, Rapporteur and Ambassador and Permanent Representative
Nairobi Based Representatives	
Iran	Mr. Ahmad Ghalandari, Deputy Permanent Representative