

Committee of Permanent Representatives  
Bureau Meeting  
23 April 2019  
3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.,  
Executive Office Boardroom  
United Nations Office at Nairobi, Gigiri

## **MEETING SUMMARY**

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

1. H.E. Ms. Francisca Ashietey-Odunton, Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, High Commissioner and Permanent Representative of Ghana, chaired the meeting, in which the following members of the Bureau and the Secretariat participated:

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

H.E. Mr. Choi Yeongham Lee, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea, Vice Chair, Asia Pacific Group;  
H.E. Ms. Elizabeth Taylor-Jay, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Colombia, Vice Chair, Latin America and Caribbean Group;  
H.E. Mr. Marek Rohr-Garztecki, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Poland, Rapporteur, Eastern European Group

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

Mr. Jorge Laguna-Celis, Secretary of Governing Bodies;  
Mr. Ulf Björnholm, Deputy Secretary of Governing Bodies;  
Mr. Stadler Trengrove, Principal Legal Officer;

2. The meeting observed a moment of silence for the late H.E. Ms. Brenda Muntemba, who tragically passed away on 19 March 2019 following complications from a road accident along the Mombasa-Nairobi Highway.
3. The meeting adopted the provisional agenda.
4. The Chair expressed her strong personal gratitude to the Chair of the Committee of the Whole, to the members of the Bureau of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, to the Acting Executive Director of UN Environment Programme, to the UN Environment Programme Senior Legal Advisor, and to the Secretariat of the Governing Bodies for contributing to a successful fourth session of the UN Environment Assembly.

### **Agenda Item 2: Results of the online survey of fourth session of UN Environment Assembly.**

5. The Secretary of the Governing Bodies presented a power-point presentation on the results of a voluntary online survey that had been undertaken by participants of the Assembly of the fourth session of the Environment Assembly. He also addressed the main political outcomes of the Assembly and planned follow-up actions.

6. The Rapporteur made the observation that many of the results of the online survey appear to be linked to the preparatory process for the Assembly such as the development of the theme, and recommended that the theme of future Assemblies should be focused and that proposed draft resolutions should be more closely linked to the theme.
7. One member of the Bureau suggested that future online survey could be divided by event in order to have a more in-depth assessment of individual activities of the Assembly.
8. The meeting welcomed the Secretariat's efforts to increase the application of effective online and information tools such as the UNEA App and the papersmart website.
9. The meeting noted the low number of respondents to the online survey and requested the Secretariat to consider means to increase the response rate and solicit additional information.

### **Agenda Item 3: Organization of Work**

- a. Proposed roadmap for the UN Environment Programme Governing Bodies for the period April – December 2019
  - b. Subcommittee meetings of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, 7 May, 23 May and 11 June
  - c. 146th meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, 20 June
10. The meeting reviewed the proposed roadmap and made several amendments to the planning of future subcommittee meetings. It was decided that the Subcommittee planned for 23 May should be merged with the meeting on 7 May, with a view to allow member States to focus on the preparations for the first UN Habitat Assembly and the Global Pact on the Environment. In addition, it was decided to organize a Subcommittee meeting on 11 June and to hold the regular meeting of the Committee on 20 June.
  11. The meeting reminded the Secretariat of the importance to meeting documents at least 10 days prior to meetings, to allow sufficient time for consideration by experts in Capitals.

### **Agenda Item 4: Any Other matters**

12. The meeting noted that several regional groups had yet to confirm their nominations of candidates for the next Bureau of the Committee, and that the the Secretariat will be once a decision is made.
13. Date of next CPR Bureau meeting which will include incoming and outgoing CPR Bureau was set for 18 June 2019; A reception for the outgoing CPR Bureau will be held on 20 June 2019.

### **Agenda Item 5: Closing of the Meeting**

14. The meeting closed at 4:10 p.m.

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### **Meeting requests for follow-up by the Secretariat:**

- 1) Send out reminder on behalf of CPR Bureau to Member States to participate in UNEA Survey.
- 2) Combine 7 & 23 May subcommittee meetings to be held on 7 May.
- 3) Share draft agendas of subcommittee's with Bureau for review.

4) Provide next subcommittee meeting with a list of mandates for CPR as agreed towards UNEA- 5.