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Conference Room 1

Chair's Report of the Subcommittee of the Committee of Permanent Representatives

1. Since the 146th meeting of Committee of Permanent Representatives, held on 20 June 2019, there have been four meetings: one Secretariat briefing held on 5 September, one subcommittee meeting held on 12 September 2019, an Orientation session organized on 3 October, and the 6th Annual Subcommittee Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, which took place 7 – 11 October 2019.
2. On 5 September, the Secretariat briefed the subcommittee on the development of UN Environment Programme's draft strategy for south-south and triangular cooperation.
3. On 12 September, the subcommittee met to consider the preparations of the 6th Annual Subcommittee; the consultation process for finding a consensual agreement on the theme of the fifth session of the UN Environment Assembly; the status of implementation of the UN Environment Marine Programme Strategy; and progress made in the implementation of the UNEA 4 Ministerial Declaration (UNEP/EA.4/HLS.1). The committee also considered the visual identity of the UN Environment Programme, whereby the meeting welcomed the proposal by the Executive Director to use the acronym "UNEP" as the short form of the United Nations Environment Programme, and adjust the logo and visual identity of UN Environment Programme in accordance with option 1 in the Executive Director's proposal. This agreement will be formalized through a decision at the fifth session of the UN Environment Assembly.
4. On 3 October, the Secretariat organized and Orientation session for new members of the the Committee of Permanent Representatives, to inform provided an introductory session for members of the Committee to learn about the work of the Governing Bodies of UN Environment Programme; work and organization of the UN Environment Programme, UNON Division of Conference Services and a presentation on the rules of procedure of the UN Environment Assembly.
5. At the 6th Annual Subcommittee meeting, 7 – 11 October, the Committee considered progress made in the UNEP Programme of Work for the period 2018-19 on the basis of a programme performance report, the status of preparations of UNEP's Medium-Term Strategy 2022-25, and follow-up on the implementation of UNEA decision 4/2 and UNEA resolution 4/22. The main conclusions of the meeting are captured in a Chair's Summary.