

Committee of Permanent Representatives  
Subcommittee Meeting  
Thursday 31 October 2019  
1:30pm to 4:30 pm  
United Nations Office at Nairobi, Gigiri  
Conference Room 4

### **DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY**

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

1. H.E. Mr. Fernando Coimbra, Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, Ambassador and Permanent representative of Brazil, opened the meeting.
2. The meeting agenda was adopted

#### **Agenda item 2: Implementation of paragraphs 9-13 of Decision UNEP/EA.4/2 entitled "Provisional agenda, date and venue of the fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly".**

3. The Chair thanked Mr. Marcus Davies, Deputy Permanent Representative of Canada, and Mr. Mapopo C. Kaunda, Deputy Permanent Representative of Malawi for accepting the nomination as co-facilitators to lead the Process for review by the Committee of Permanent Representatives, as mandated by UNEA Decision 4/2, and invited them to chair the remainder the meeting.
4. The co-facilitators thanked the Committee for entrusting them to lead the process, and underlined that the process would be open, inclusive and transparent, with an aim to agree on a core set of recommendations on how to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Environment Assembly and its subsidiary body, for consideration at UNEA 5.
5. The Secretariat presented an overview of possible options submitted by member States and stakeholders relating to paragraph 10 a) of UNEA Decision 4/2, as outlined in the background document for the meeting.
6. Several Member States welcomed the background document and provided general comments on the possible options.
7. Various views were expressed with regard to the scope of the UNEA theme, with some member States suggesting that it should provide the framework for the High Level Segment only, and others suggesting that it should also guide all UNEA-related events and possibly also the development of draft resolutions, while respecting the Rules of

Procedure.

8. Several member States specifically supported scheduling the open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives (OECPR) back to back with the Environment Assembly, in some cases under the condition that the intersessional period is used efficiently to prepare for the negotiations on draft resolutions under the Committee of Permanent Representatives well in advance of the open-ended meeting; in particular with a view to facilitate for small delegations to fully participate in the preparations.
9. Some member States also expressed support for the idea to rename the OECPR and/or the Annual Subcommittee meeting to better reflect their functions.
10. Due to insufficient time to consider the other options in the background document, it was decided continue deliberations under this on paragraph 10 a) of Decision 4/2 at a later date in November, most likely during the afternoon of 26 November.

**Agenda Item 3: Closing of the meeting.**

11. The meeting closed at 4:40 pm.