

# **CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE RESEARCH**



## **SUBMISSION OF THE CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE RESEARCH IN RESPONSE TO INVITATION TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS ON THE CPR-BASED REVIEW PROCESS**

### **INPUT TO SUB-PARAGRAPH 10 D) OF UNEA DECISION 4/2; “MONITORING AND REPORTING ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF WORK BUDGET AND OF THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE ENVIRONMENT ASSEMBLY**

Need for a UNIT and Committee dedicated to monitoring and reporting on the implementation of the programme of work and resolutions of the Environment Assembly.

Establishment of a web based tracking system with clear indicators and financed with adequate and realistic budget to aid the effective functioning of the unit and the discharge of its functions.

Invitation to member states to set up legislative framework to guide tracking of progress in implementation of resolutions and programme of work.

Involvement of major group, stakeholder and civil society in monitoring and reporting on the implementation of resolutions and programme of work.

Identification of regional, national and sub-national peculiarities in monitoring and reflecting effect and implication in reports.

### **INPUT TO VERSION III OF THE DOCUMENT “CONVERGING ELEMENTS OF CONSENSUS”, DEVELOPED BY THE CO-FACILITATORS**

Titling Version III as a consensus could be misleading for an international forum since UNEA Rules of Procedure doesn't include the use of Consensus but voting and consensus has a technical meaning in international forum.

#### **Recommended amendment to para 4**

Designate the Annual Subcommittee meeting as a “Review and Oversight Committee”, while keeping its existing mandate and chairmanship, as established in paragraph 11 of UNEP Governing Council decision 27/2, unchanged.

### Recommendation

Allow Annual Subcommittee meeting to keep its existing mandate and chairmanship, as established in paragraph 11 of UNEP Governing Council decision 27/2 and establish a new review and oversight committee to follow-up on the acceptance and the implementation of resolutions.

### INPUT TO ANNEX II – “DRAFT GUIDANCE TO MEMBER STATES ON SUBMISSION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS TO THE UN ENVIRONMENT ASSEMBLY”.

14. Without prejudice to Rule 44 of the UNEA Rules of Procedure, Member States and the Secretariat should as far as possible respect the guidance/checklist provided for the criteria, modalities and timing for presenting and negotiating draft resolutions and decisions, as reflected in Annex II.
15. Under the guidance of the CPR Bureau and with the support of the Secretariat, the CPR should initiate consideration of draft resolutions as soon as possible after the tabling of a draft resolution or decision.

### Recommendation for additions to para 14 and 15 above

Add to para 14 timing for circulating of draft resolution begins to count when the document has been submitted in all UN languages.

16. Under the guidance of the CPR Bureau and with the support of the Secretariat, part of the meeting of the annual subcommittee in the years preceding a UNEA meeting should be devoted to a scoping exercise to identify areas suitable for the tabling of draft resolutions and decisions.

### Recommendation for additions to para 16

Under the guidance of the CPR Bureau and with the support of the Secretariat **and with participation of accredited Major groups**, part of the meeting of the annual subcommittee in the years preceding a UNEA meeting should be devoted to a scoping exercise to identify areas suitable for the tabling of draft resolutions and decisions.

### Other Recommendations

- Observers should be allowed to propose resolutions in writing by making submission to the Executive Director who will circulate same. Only states shall submit such proposal to vote.
- Although more than one state can sponsor a proposed resolution, consent of original sponsor should be sort before additional sponsor is added.
- Time limits be set for submission of amendments.
- Inclusion of use of consensus in UNEA Rules of Procedure