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Comments from Mexico on the CPR based review pertaining to the consultation meeting on 14 July 2020

Mexico is grateful for the thorough preparation of the co-facilitators and the Secretariat for yesterday's meeting to discuss the 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" and version V of the document "Converging elements of consensus" developed by the co-facilitators, including Annex I "Process of review by the Committee of Permanent Representatives".

Regarding Version V of the document "Converging elements of consensus", and even before an extensive discussion takes place in the Subcommittee of the CPR, Mexico would like to comment on the following paragraphs, according to our past interventions:

- a. Paragraph 3.- Mexico does not agree with renaming the "Open-Ended Committee of Permanent Representatives" into "Preparatory Committee Meeting (PREPCOM) for UNEA".
- b. Paragraph 4.- Mexico does not agree with referring to the "Annual Subcommittee of the Committee of Permanent Representatives" as the "Oversight Committee Meeting (ROC) for the UNEP Programme of Work".

Regarding the Annex I to the document in question, discussed yesterday, Mexico would like to make two proposals:

- a. In the Draft Terms of Reference of the Bureau of the United Nations Environment Assembly, paragraphs 5 and 8, as well as in paragraph 8 of the Draft Terms of Reference of the Bureau of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, our delegation would like to add a formulation that ensures that all invited members have access to the meetings, independently from where the meetings take place. If the representative of a member State cannot be present at the meeting, his/her attendance must be ensured by virtual means.
- b. Regarding paragraph 7 of the Draft Terms of Reference of the Bureau of the United Nations Environment Assembly, our delegation would be keen of listening to the reflection carried out by the Legal Advisor concerning decisions taken by consensus.

Mexico reiterates that we see the three documents as a package. As such, we will reserve our position regarding them until a consensus regarding their contents is reached. Otherwise, we would not support the title "Converging elements of consensus". More comments and suggestions on the documents will follow, as further consultations take place.

We would very much appreciate if you could incorporate our suggestions. The broad participation of Member States and the fruitful and interesting discussion is leading us to the achievement of the necessary consensus to better use the intersessional period and to better deal with resolutions and decisions, thus preparing an inclusive, transparent and successful UNEA-5.

Our delegation would appreciate if you could upload these comments on the dedicated website.