



## **Committee of Permanent Representatives 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Subcommittee Meeting**

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### **Remarks by Brazil on item 5(i) Stock-taking meeting to the process for review by the CPR**

as delivered by Mr. Patrick Luna,  
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Mr. Chairman,

Allow me to start by aligning myself with the statement delivered earlier by the Ambassador of the State of Palestine on behalf of the G77/China. I would like to take this opportunity to echo previous speakers in thanking both co-facilitators, the DPRs of Canada and of Malawi, for their dedication throughout this process, and to thank the Secretariat for all the support given.

Mr. Chairman,

One year ago, in the 6th Annual Subcommittee Meeting, we consensually adopted a roadmap for the CPR-based review process, bringing us to where we stand today. Throughout this year, delegations have dedicated more than 30 hours of Subcommittee meetings on this issue, and the co-facilitators provided us with eight successive iterations of their document. Delegations seized this opportunity to bring forward various proposals on how to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of UNEA and of the CPR. All proposals were discussed in an open, inclusive and transparent manner. All proposals have been given fair consideration for constructive debate.

This negotiation process started well before the pandemic forced us to shift to online meetings, and since then all of us have been doing our best efforts to deal with outstanding issues, build bridges and conclude the process - and, in doing so, many of us gradually realized the real and inherent limitations of virtual line-by-line consultations.

The report that the co-facilitators presented to the 7th Annual Subcommittee Meeting embodies the significant progress already achieved by delegations in paving way towards consensus on many aspects of the working methods of UNEA and the CPR, including on their two Bureaux. From our vantage point, this process was not conceived to amend the Rules of Procedure - and indeed it does not do that. The conclusions contained in the co-facilitators document are all without prejudice to the Rules of Procedure: they codify practice and develop working methods safely within the framework established by the Rules of Procedure.

Mr. Chairman,

Brazil could support the co-facilitators document as presented to the 7th Annual Subcommittee Meeting, as a balanced compromise among the various proposals put forward and discussed in an open, inclusive and transparent process. At the same time, we understand that delegations might still have outstanding concerns regarding a few of the paragraphs of the document. Brazil fully respects these concerns and, as always, remains available to foster dialogue between all interested delegations to identify consensus. Let us not lose sight of all the progress achieved and exercise utmost flexibility to successfully conclude the mandate given to us by UNEA-4.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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