

Summary of the Joint meeting of the Bureaux of the UN Environment Assembly and the Committee of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Environment Programme

17 February 2021

On 17 February 2021, Members of the Bureaux of the UN Environment Assembly and of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to the UN Environment Programme held a virtual meeting. The meeting was co-chaired by H.E. Mr. Sveinung Rotevatn, President of the UN Environment Assembly and Minister of Environment and Climate of the Norway, and H.E. Mr. Fernando Coimbra, Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Brazil. A list of participants is available as an annex to this summary. Agenda and meeting documentation is made available online through the [meeting portal](#).

The Joint Bureaux meeting addressed the following topics:

- Report from the 5th Open-Ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives;
- Possible consensual message or statement from the online session of UNEA;
- Preparations for the online session of UNEA.

This document summarizes the points of discussion during the joint Bureaux meeting.

Agenda Item 2: Report from the fifth Open-Ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives

1. The Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR) informed the Bureaux that the recently concluded fifth Open-Ended meeting of the CPR, reached consensus and recommended the adoption of the following administrative and budgetary decisions at the online meeting of the fifth session of the UN Environment Assembly:
 - Management of trust funds and earmarked contributions;
 - Medium Term Strategy for 2022-2025 and Programme of Work for the biennium 2022-23;
 - Adjournment and resumption of the fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly

Agenda Item 3: Possible consensual message or statement from the online session of UNEA

2. The President of the Assembly, briefed the meeting on his process of consultation, thanking member States and Stakeholders for their inputs and guidance, noting that he will present the message for possible endorsement during the online meeting of UNEA-5.
3. Members of the Bureaux and Chairs of the Regional groups, noted the President's leadership and efforts put forth by him and his team to strike a balance amongst the many different voices and priorities in the proposed message.

Agenda Item 4: Preparation for the online session of UNEA

4. The Executive Director provided an update on the level of participation for the leadership dialogues and gave an overview of the online events organized in conjunction with the online meeting of the fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly.

Agenda Item 5: Other matters

5. No other matters were considered.

Agenda Item 6: Closing of the meeting

6. The President of the Assembly and the Chair of the CPR thanked all Members of the two Bureaux for their inputs and guidance to the discussion. The meeting closed at 19:47

List of participants Joint meeting of the Bureaux of the UN Environment Assembly and the Committee of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Environment Programme, 17 February 2021

UN Environment Assembly Bureau	
COUNTRY REGIONAL GROUP	NAME DESIGNATION
Norway Western European and Others Group	H.E. Mr. Sveinung Rotevatn President, Minister of Climate and Environment
Costa Rica Latin America and Caribbean Group	Ms. Ana Elena Campos representing H.E. Ms. Andrea Murillo , Vice President and Minister of Environment and Energy of the Republic
Estonia Eastern European Group	Mr. Ado Lohmus Vice President and Permanent Representative of Environment
Indonesia Asia-Pacific Group	Ms. Laksmi Dhewanthi Vice President and Senior Advisor to the Minister of Environment and Forestry
Serbia Eastern European and Group	H.E. Dragan Zupanjevac Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Serbia representing H.E. Mrs. Irena Vujovic , Minister of Environment Protection
Suriname Latin America and Caribbean Group	H.E. Mr. Reggy Nelson Vice President and Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
France Western European and Others Group	H.E. Mrs. Aline Kuster-Ménager Ambassador and Permanent Representative representing H.E. Ms. Bérangère Abba , Vice President, Secretary of State for the Biodiversity
Burkina Faso Africa Group	Mr. Yago L. Abdoul Kader representing H.E. Mr. Bassiere Batio Nestor , Vice President of UNEA and Minister of Green Economy and Climate Change
Bahrain Asia-Pacific Group	H.E. Dr. Mohammed Bin Dainah Vice President and Chief Executive of the Supreme Council for Environment of Bahrain
South Africa Africa Group	Ms. Lucia Motloung representing Hon. Ms. Barbara Creecy , Rappourteur, Minister of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries
Committee of Permanent Representatives Bureau	
Brazil Latin America and Caribbean Group	H.E. Mr. Fernando Coimbra Chair, Ambassador and Permanent Representative
Netherlands Western European and Others Group	Ms. Gudi Alkemade Representing H.E. Mr. Maarten Brouwer Vice Chair, Ambassador and Permanent Representative
Pakistan Asia-Pacific Group	H.E. Ms. Saqlain Syedah Vice Chair, High Commissioner and Permanent Representative
Poland Eastern European and Group	H.E. Mr. Marek Garztecki Vice Chair of CPR, Ambassador and Permanent Representative
Chairs of Regional and Political Groups	
Africa Group	H.E. Mr. Beyene Russom Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Eritrea
Eastern European Group	H.E. Mr. Martin Klepetko Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Czech Republic
Western European and Others Group	Mr. Asif Choudhury Deputy Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Nairobi Based Representatives	
Norway	H.E. Ms. Elin Rognlie Ambassador and Permanent Representative;

Annex

	Ms. Guri Sandborg Deputy Permanent Representative
France	Ms. Estelle Halimi Deputy Permanent Representative
Brazil	Mr. Patrick Luna Counsellor and Deputy Permanent Representative
South Africa	Ms. Amanda Mkhwanazi Deputy Permanent Representative
UN Environment Programme	
	Ms. Inger Andersen Executive Director
	Ms. Joyce Msuya Deputy Executive Director
	Mr. Jorge Laguna-Celis Secretary of Governing Bodies and Director – Governance Affairs Office
	Mr. Rafael Peralta Chief of Staff
	Mr. Ulf Bjornholm Deputy Secretary of Governing Bodies and Deputy Director – Governance Affairs Office
	Mr. Stadler Trengove Legal Officer