
Committee of Permanent Representatives
Bureau Meeting
Wednesday 16 June 2021
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., GMT+3
Online

DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY

Agenda Item: Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda.

1. H.E. Mr. Fernando Coimbra, Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives and Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Brazil, chaired the meeting, in which the following members of the bureau participated:

The Committee of Permanent Representatives Bureau members:

H.E. Mr. Marek Rohr-Garztecki, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Poland, Vice Chair, Eastern European Group;

H.E. Ms. Saqlain Syedah, High Commissioner and Permanent Representative of Pakistan, Vice Chair, Asia-Pacific Group

Mrs. Gudi Alkemade, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Netherlands, on behalf of H.E. Mr. Maarten Brouwer, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of The Netherlands, Vice Chair, Western European and Other States Group

H.E. Mr. Chol M. U. Ajongo, Rapporteur, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of South Sudan

The Bureau of the UN Environment Assembly was represented *ex officio* by:

Mr. Erlend Arneson Haugen, on behalf of H.E. Ms. Elin Rognlie, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Norway

The UN Environment Programme Secretariat was represented by:

Ms. Inger Andersen, Executive Director;

Ms. Joyce Msuya, Deputy Executive Director;

Mr. Rafael Peralta, Chief of Staff;

Mr. Jorge Laguna-Celis, Secretary of Governing Bodies;

Mr. Ulf Bjornholm, Deputy Secretary of Governing Bodies;

Mr. Stadler Trengove, Principal Legal Officer.

2. The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed the members of the Bureau.
3. Ms. Inger Andersen, Executive Director of UNEP thanked the Chair and the Bureau their effort in this process. She expressed the wish to resolve this matter soon and expressed the confident that a conclusion will be reached before the Joint Retreat scheduled for 24 June. She also assured that the Secretariat is ready to provide any assistance as needed.

4. The meeting agenda was adopted.

Agenda Item 2: Consideration of the cycle of term of office of the Bureau of Committee of Permanent Representatives.

5. The Chair invited members of the Bureau to update on the progress made from the informal consultations since last Bureau meeting.
6. One Bureau member provided an update on several recent informal in-person consultations among regional groups, which had resulted in a better understanding of the background and different views and positions. While no conclusion had been reached as yet, a proposal had emerged to establish an informal technical contact group consisting of two representatives per regional group, to allow for further consultations in view of reaching an agreement acceptable to all groups.
7. Another Bureau member noted that there is a common interest to demonstrate further flexibility among all regional groups to reach consensus.
8. One Bureau member supported the proposal to establish a contact group and indicated that the group is in the process of identifying representatives.
9. One member suggested that the format for contact group should remain informal.
10. On the basis of the discussion, the Chair of the CPR concluded that an informal technical contact group will be established, comprised of two delegates at the DPR level from each Regional Group to work on a tangible compromise regarding the cycle of term of office of the Bureau of the CPR. The contact group should meet in the UN compound on 17 June, with the aim to conclude its work by 18 June at the latest. The DPR of Brazil will assist in organizing the conversation among the participants of the group, as a representative of the CPR Chair.
11. The meeting also agreed that the Bureau will meet again on Monday 21 June 2021 to consider the progress made in the informal contact group.
12. The Chair requested the Secretariat to liaise with the regional groups to identify 10 representatives as members of the contact group and provide any further secretariat assistance, as needed.

Agenda Item 3: Consideration of scheduling of the extraordinary CPR

13. The Bureau agreed to convene an extraordinary meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives on the 23 June at 4:00 pm (GMT+3) to elect the officers of the forthcoming CPR Bureau in accordance with rules of procedure and taking into account consultations amongst Member States. The Bureau also agreed that the meeting will be held without interpretation on an exceptional basis given that UNON interpretation services are already committed.

Agenda Item 4: Other matters.

14. No other matters were raised.

Agenda Item 5: Closing of the Meeting.

15. The meeting closed at 12:30 p.m.