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Extraordinary meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Environment Programme

Nairobi, 23 June 2021
Online meeting
16:00 – 18:00 (GMT+3)

Agenda Item 2: Election of officers.

In accordance with paragraph 7 of UNEA Decision 5/3, which reads “Recommends that the Committee of Permanent Representatives, at its 154th meeting, consider, in view of systemic problems and in a comprehensive manner, the cycle of the term of office of the Bureau of the Committee of Permanent Representatives in relation to that of the Bureau of the Environment Assembly”, the Committee considered the cycle of term of office of the CPR Bureau at a meeting of the subcommittee on 6 May 2021 and at the 154th meeting of the Committee on 20 May 2021 (agenda items 4 and 5; document UNEP/CPR/154/2).

In view of reaching consensus on the matter, additional informal consultations were held, involving all regional groups. The consultations have resulted in the annexed draft decision of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.

The Bureau of the CPR at its meeting on 21 June 2021 requested that the draft decision is made available to all Member States for final consideration at the extraordinary meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives scheduled for Wednesday 23 June 2021 from 16.00 – 18.00 pm (GMT+3), with a view to adopt the decision in conjunction with the election, by acclamation, of a new Bureau of the Committee for the period 1 July 2021 – 30 June 2023.

Draft decision of the Committee of Permanent Representatives

The Committee of Permanent Representatives,

Recalling Rule 63, paragraph 3 of the Rules of Procedure of the United Nations Environment Assembly (“Rules”) that requires each subsidiary organ of the United Nations Environment Assembly to elect its own Officers;

Recalling Governing Council Decision 19/32, paragraph 9 that “the Committee of Permanent Representatives shall elect a Bureau composed of a Chairperson, three Vice Chairpersons and a Rapporteur, for a period of two years, taking into account the principles of rotation and equitable geographical representation”

Recalling that the Committee of Permanent Representatives last elected a Bureau at its 146th meeting held on 20 June 2019; and that there should be an election for a new Bureau to take office on 1 July 2021,

Recalling Decision 5/3 of the 5th session of the United Nations Environment Assembly, entitled “Adjournment and resumption of the fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly”,

1. *Elects by acclamation* the following representatives as members of its Bureau for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2023:
Chair: H.E. Ambassador Luísa Fragoso (Portugal)
Vice-Chairs: H.E. Ambassador Erasmo R. Martínez M. (Mexico); Mr. Ado Lohmus (Estonia) and [Representative of the African Group of States]
Rapporteur: [Representative of the Asia-Pacific Group of States];
2. *Reaffirms* that the Bureau of the Committee of Permanent Representatives shall conduct its work in a collaborative manner and, in light of the tasks expected of it, *recommends* that it adopts, under the leadership of its Chair and in a balanced manner, practical arrangements to share responsibilities amongst the Chair, Vice-Chairs and Rapporteur;
3. *Further recommends* that the Vice-Chair representing the Latin American and Caribbean Group be tasked with the coordination of the negotiating processes of draft decisions and draft resolutions to be submitted for the consideration of the Assembly at its resumed fifth session, including during the Open-Ended Committee of Permanent Representatives, and also *recommends* that the Bureau of the United Nations Environment Assembly consider designating a representative of the Latin American and Caribbean Group to chair the Assembly's Committee of the Whole,
4. *Further recommends* that the Vice-Chair representing the African Group be tasked with the facilitation of the preparations within the Committee of Permanent Representatives of the special session of the United Nations Environment Assembly to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the United Nations Environment Programme,
5. *Further recommends* that the Vice-Chair representing the Eastern European Group and the Rapporteur representing the Asia-Pacific Group continue to be entrusted with the co-facilitation of the informal consultations under the auspices of the CPR on the implementation of General Assembly Resolution 73/333;
6. *Also recommends* to the fifth session of the Assembly to decide that, on an exceptional basis and without creating a precedent, its sixth session shall be held no earlier than February 2024 to ensure a full two year term for the Presidency of the sixth session.