
Committee of Permanent Representatives
Bureau Meeting
Friday 29 October 2021
10:00 am - 11.30 p.m. (GMT+3)
In person - Conference room 10

MEETING SUMMARY

Agenda Item 1: Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda.

1. H.E. Mrs. Luísa Fragoso, Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives and Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Portugal opened the meeting.

The Committee of Permanent Representatives Bureau members

H.E. Mrs. Selma Malika Haddadi, Ambassador of Algeria to the Republic of Kenya and Permanent Representative to the UN Environment Programme, Vice Chair of the CPR

H.E. Mr. Erasmo Roberto Martínez, Ambassador of Mexico to the Republic of Kenya and Permanent Representative to the UN Environment Programme, Vice Chair of the CPR

Mr. Ado Lohmus, Permanent Representative of Estonia to the UN Environment Programme, Vice Chair of the CPR

H.E. Ms. Saqlain Syedah, Ambassador of Pakistan to the Republic of Kenya and Permanent Representative to the UN Environment Programme, Rapporteur of the CPR

The Bureau of the UN Environment Assembly, represented *ex officio*

H.E. Mr. Gunnar Andreas Holm, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Norway to the UN Environment Programme

Mr. Øystein Størkersen, Deputy Permanent Representative of Norway to the UN Environment Programme

Mr Clément PAYEUR, Deputy Permanent Representative of France to the UN Environment Programme

The UN Environment Programme Secretariat

Ms. Inger Andersen, Executive Director

Mr. Rafael Peralta, Chief of Staff

Mr. Ulf Bjornholm, Secretary a.i. of Governing Bodies

Mr. Stadler Trengove, Principal Legal Officer

2. The Chair opened the meeting and thanked the Bureau members for their leadership in chairing the various agenda items during the meeting, followed by opening remarks by UNEP's Executive Director, Ms. Inger Andersen, who congratulated the Bureau for a successful first ever hybrid annual subcommittee meeting. She stated that it is time to translate the guidance into action to secure an impactful and successful UNEA-5.2 and UNEP@50. She reaffirmed the readiness of the secretariat to provide solid assistance to the Bureau and to Member States in this endeavor.
3. The meeting [agenda](#) was adopted.

Agenda Item 2: Preparation of a Chair’s summary of the 8th Annual Subcommittee meeting.

4. The Chair invited the Members of the Bureau to provide any comments or observations on the draft Chair’s summary, which was circulated on Thursday evening, and the positive developments under the CPR-based Review. While some Members indicated that they had submitted comments in writing, others requested more time to review the draft.
5. Following a discussion on the issue of the CPR-based review, the Chair suggested to include a text in the draft Chair’s Summary under the CPR based review section relating to the issue of the cycle of rotation of the CPR and UNEA bureaus, as follows:
 - In the standard decision on "Provisional agenda, date and venue for UNEA-6", an operative paragraph would be included as follows: “Endorses the outcome of the stock-taking meeting for the Process for review by the Committee of Permanent Representatives, as mandated by UNEA Decision 4/2.”
 - The Chair of the OECPR will include one paragraph in the report to UNEA-5.2, whereby reference is made to the UNEA recommendation in decisions 5/3 for the CPR to 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, and to the decision by the Committee of Permanent Representatives at its extraordinary meeting on 23 June 2021.
6. The Bureau also decided to formally request the secretariat at the plenary of the meeting to provide technical notes for each of the resolutions, which would provide an analysis on the following three aspects: i) Relation to UNEPs Medium Term Strategy and Programme of Work; ii) Legal aspects; and iii) Budget implications, to be made available in advance of the 156th meeting of the CPR, scheduled for 30 November.
7. The Bureau agreed to proceed with the suggestion to have informal exchanges with the chairs of the regionals and political groups on the processes related to the draft resolutions and UNEP@50, respectively, in the follow-up of the 8th annual subcommittee meeting.
8. The Bureau further agreed to recommend, during the plenary session, for Member States to send the concept notes or draft resolutions by 15 November and to be available to introduce their concepts during the upcoming subcommittee meetings.

Agenda Item 3: Organization of Work.

9. The Bureau reviewed a draft revised roadmap of the UNEP Governing Bodies and agreed to organize subcommittee meetings on 9, 11, 23 and 25 November to allow for further in-depth consultations on draft resolutions for UNEA 5.2 and preparations for the special session on UNEA@50. The Bureau also confirmed the date of its next meeting to 24 November.

Agenda Item 4: Other matters.

10. No other matters were raised.

Agenda Item 5: Closing of the meeting.

11. The meeting closed at 11:30 a.m.