

Committee of Permanent Representatives
Bureau Meeting
Wednesday 26 January 2022
10:00 am - 12.00 p.m. (GMT+3)
Conference Room 9

DRAFT 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*

Mr. Øystein Størkersen, Deputy Permanent Representative of Norway 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

2. The Chair opened the meeting, and invited UNEP's Executive Director, Ms. Inger Andersen's to deliver her opening remarks, in which she thanked the Bureau members for their leadership and reassured of the continued support from the Secretariat.
3. The meeting [agenda](#) was adopted with an item added under "any other matter", as suggested by the Chair, to request the co-facilitators to give an update on the process of 73/333 and the Secretariat to update on the logistic matters related to the resumed session of UNEA-5 and the special session of UNEP@50.

Agenda item 2: Preparations for the 157th meeting of the CPR.

4. The Chair invited the Secretariat to present the agenda for 157th meeting of the CPR, including a recommendation regarding the process for UNEA contribution to the High Level political Forum, and to brief the meeting on the preparation status. No substantive comments were made.
5. The Chair proposed the OECPR to recommend to UNEA to defer consideration of the contribution to the High Level Political Forum until after UNEA and UNEP@50, and to refer the matter to the CPR for consideration and finalization based on a proposal from the secretariat.

Agenda Item 3: Preparations for the resumed fifth Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives.

6. The Secretariat introduced the draft agenda and structure of the resumed fifth meeting of the Open-Ended Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.
7. Bureau Members welcomed the briefing and the draft agenda and structure, and posed questions relating to the allocation of time and the chairing of the working groups. The secretariat suggested that the working groups may be chaired by the Co-facilitators, and that time would be divided evenly between the clusters, but remain flexible to adjustments deriving from the progress made under each cluster.
8. One Bureau Member suggested to adjust agenda item 7 to better reflect the preparations and outcome of the special session of the Environment Assembly to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of UNEP, and the decision of the General Assembly resolution in its 76/208 to recommend the adoption of a draft political declaration at UNEP@50, subject to final consideration at UNEA 5.2.
9. The representative from the Presidency provided an update on process of consultations on the draft ministerial declaration.
10. The Chair requested the secretariat to revise the draft agenda and structure based on the guidance received, and to make them available on the portal of the 157th meeting to the CPR for final consideration by Member States.

Agenda Item 4: Way forward for the consultations on draft UNEA resolutions.

11. The Vice Chair in the lead of coordinating the consultations on draft resolution briefed the meeting on the status on the consultation process, including with regard the first meeting with all Co-facilitators on 21 February, gave a brief update on progress made, and outlined the proposed way forward.
12. One Bureau Member asked about the availability of the UNEA working document on UNEP's staff composition, followed by a clarification from the secretariat that the report was delayed.
13. One Bureau Member asked for further guidance on how to take a decision to defer consideration of draft resolutions.

Agenda Item 5: Organization of Work.

14. The Secretariat introduced an updated roadmap of the Governing Bodies, including proposed dates for a joint meeting of the Bureaux of UNEA and of the CPR on 11 February and 2 subcommittee meetings in March dedicated to the contribution to HLPF.
15. The Bureau agree to hold its next meeting on 21 February 2022, before the opening plenary of the OECPR.

Agenda Item 6: Other matters.

16. The Co-facilitators on the process of 73/333 provided an updated on the consultations process for the Political Declaration, informing that regional consultations will be schedule before the third informal substantive consultation meeting on United Nations General Assembly resolution 73/333, from 16 -18 February.
17. The Executive Director was invited to provide an update on logistical preparations for UNEA-5.2 and UNEP@50, and shared information on the registration, travel, cooperation with the host country and UNON, protocol-related matters and COVID-19 measures including rapid test kits. She also informed Bureau Members about ongoing work to develop guidance for inscriptions of national statements and leadership dialogues.
18. The secretariat informed that the original versions of each tabled draft resolutions will be translated in all official UN language and made available for the OECPR. Resolutions for adoption by UNEA will be available in English only, on the understanding that they will be edited and translated after the meeting, as per standard practice.

Agenda Item 7: Close of meeting.

19. The meeting closed at 1:00 pm.