

Joint meeting of the Bureau of UNEA-6 and of the CPR Bureau

17 de outubro de 2022, 13h00 – 15h00

Local: online

Consideration of options for defining the theme for UNEA-6.

Good afternoon,

It is with great pleasure that I address you for the first time as Vice-President of the UNEA 6, which is expected to be as or more ambitious than UNEA-5.2.

Portugal has always been committed to implementing the objectives defined by UNEP. In this sense, we are committed to working together with the other members of both bureaux concerning the choice of the theme of UNEA 6, hoping that the final choice could assume itself as an inspiration for the resolutions tabled for this session.

Portugal thanks the UNEP Secretariat for the elaboration of the options paper for the theme of UNEA-6, as we welcome all interesting options presented in the document that deserves thorough consideration by the UNEP member states. In this sense, Portugal in consultation with Western Europe and Others Regional Group is still reflecting on the proposed themes.

Portugal is pleased to note that the exchange of views and discussions regarding the theme, will also start under the auspices of the CPR at the 9th Annual Subcommittee Meeting, as we hope to reach a final agreement by February 2023. Regarding this process, we would like to question the Secretariat about how it will be conducted after the 9th Annual Subcommittee within the CPR.

Preparations for the 9th Annual Subcommittee meeting.

Portugal agrees with the current proposed, and well-balanced, structure for the 9th Annual Subcommittee Meeting of the CPR. As stated before, we consider it a key moment for an important exchange of views that will allow the definition of the theme of the UNEA 6.

We would like, as well, to commend, the Secretariat for the excellent job on providing all the necessary documents to able the Committee of Permanent Representatives to fulfil its supervisory role. Portugal hopes that the exchange of views with MS can be fruitful, suggesting for this purpose, that the Secretariat should aim to ensure that its presentations are kept short and concise.