

Status of the implementation of the outcome of the consensual process for review by the Committee of Permanent Representatives

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Outcome of the CPR-based review para 1-3: progress update and observations

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OUTCOME	Ensure that the UNEA theme guides the political debate, events and preparation of draft resolutions	Organize meetings of the OECPR back-to-back with UNEA and ensure effective, participatory and inclusive intersessional preparation	Reaffirm the CPR mandate of and its role in the preparatory process of UNEA meetings
PROGRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Process considered at UNEA Bureau meeting (1 July 2022)• Options paper considered at joint UNEA and CPR Bureau meeting (17 October 2022)• Consultation with Member States and Stakeholders at 9th ASC• Consultations with regional groups and CPR (Nov/Dec 2022)• Final decision by UNEA-6 Bureau at joint retreat in January 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• OECPR-6 will take place 19 - 23 Feb 2024, back-to-back with UNEA-6• CPR Chair and Bureau, supported by the Secretariat, will guide the intersessional preparation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Useful guidance available in the document “Assessment and lessons learned from UNEA-5.2 and UNEP@50”, endorsed by the CPR in May 2022

Outcome of the CPR-based review para 4-6: progress update and observations

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OUTCOME	Close cooperation between the UNEA and CPR Bureaus	Optimal balance between negotiations and events Minimize number of negotiating groups	Strengthen contributions and active participation of MEAs
PROGRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Established practice of joint meetings of the UNEA and CPR bureaus will continue	<ul style="list-style-type: none">UNEA Bureau will guide the number of side eventsUNEA and CPR Bureaus, supported by the Secretariat, will decide on the number and organization of negotiation groups for OECPR-6 and UNEA-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Leadership dialogue with MEAs held at UNEA 5.2Briefings on important MEA meetings are provided to the CPRAn amendment to the draft UNEA-6 provisional agenda to ensure a strengthened contribution from MEAs may be considered

Outcome of the CPR-based review para 7-9: progress update and observations

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OUTCOME	Strengthen preparations for UNEA at regional level	Strengthen the science-policy interface at UNEA	Strengthen participation and meaningful involvement of Major Groups and Stakeholders
PROGRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• At UNEA-5, inputs from regional ministerial fora helped shape the political outcome• UNEP Regional Offices will continue to facilitate organization of regional ministerial fora• Timing and agenda for regional meetings may be adapted to maximize inputs to UNEA-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A stronger interface can be facilitated through dedicated briefings, scheduling of the science policy business forum, and making use of flagship scientific assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MGS expected will contribute to the consultations to identify a theme for UNEA-6• The Secretariat will continue to organize trainings and briefings to enable MGS to engage actively, within established rules and practices

Outcome of the CPR-based review para 10-12: progress update and observations

OUTCOME

PROGRESS

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Improve **identification and formulation of decisions** conclusions from CPR meetings

- The CPR Bureau oversees scheduling and agenda of CPR meetings, announced through an online roadmap of meetings
- The Secretariat will continue to strive for high-quality and timely submission of documentation

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Increase **ownership / inclusiveness** of CPR through **remote participation** and online **access to documents**

- UNEA 5.2 and OECPR 5.2 was hybrid
- Hybrid meetings will continue to be organized, wherever possible
- All documentation are consistently made available online at dedicated meeting portals (such as for 9 ASC)

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Encourage more Member States to become **UNEP-accredited**

- Currently, 124 Member States, 2 Non-Member States and the EU are accredited (85 in Nairobi and 39 outside)
- Thanks to online meetings, the membership can be significantly expanded
- The Secretariat will facilitate accreditation by explaining why and how Member States may apply

Outcome of the CPR-based review para 13-15: progress update and observations

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OUTCOME	Early, inclusive and transparent inter-sessional preparatory process for draft resolutions	Revise the reporting framework	Prepare a handbook for UNEA delegates
PROGRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Many of the recommendations from the CPR based review were applied to UNEA-5.2 (e.g. tabling of draft resolutions or decision at the ASC or at least 12 weeks in advance of UNEA)• The 10th ASC should devote at least half a day to identify areas suitable for tabling of draft resolutions to UNEA-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Secretariat has made significant efforts to develop a UNEA monitoring and reporting portal on the implementation of UNEA resolutions, complemented with regular reports to the CPR• A dedicated discussion will take place under item 8 b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Secretariat is developing a handbook for UNEA delegates with the aim for it to be finalized and published by the end of 2022.

UNEA Delegates Handbook – draft outline

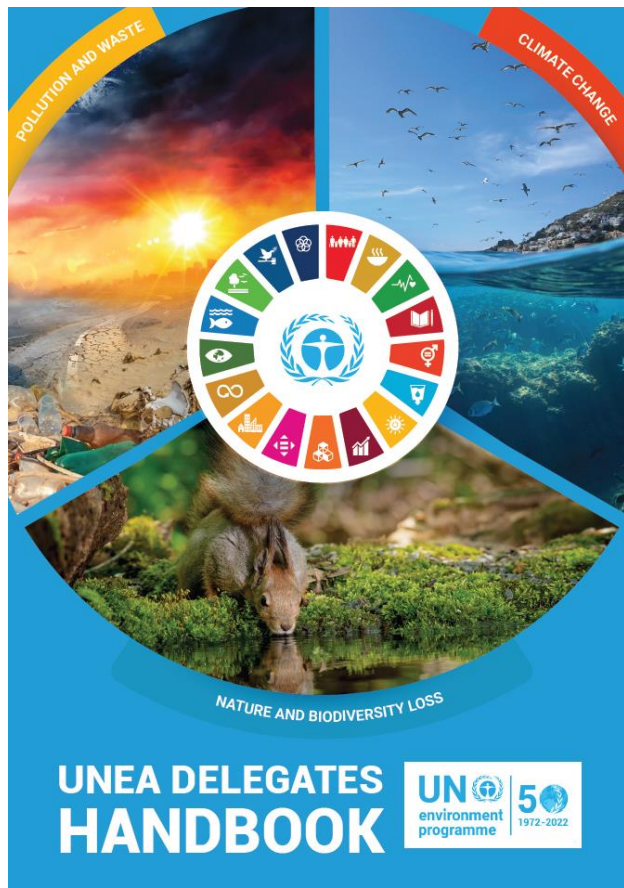


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UNITED NATIONS PRESENCE IN NAIROBI



ESTABLISHMENT OF UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME



At its 27th session, the General Assembly (GA), by Resolution 2997 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972, established the United Nations Environment Programme and its Governing Council (GC) composed of 58 elected members. The resolution was in response to the need for institutional and financial arrangements for international environmental cooperation. Members of the GC would elect a Bureau of 5 members nominated from each of the five global geographical regions for a period of two years to supervise the interessional affairs of the GC. The bureau elects its chair and rapporteur from amongst its members.

Rules of Procedure

By the edict of the GA, the GC held its annual regular sessions, each time for two weeks, under its Rules of Procedure adopted by decision 19 (II) of 11 March 1974. The rules of procedure were amended to include establishment of permanent missions in Nairobi (GC decision 45 (III)), build relationships with non-governmental organizations (GC decision 46 (III)), initiate informal consultations with Governments (GC decision 104(V)), oversight programme policy and implementation (GC decision 6/1) etc.

GC decision 8/2 of 1980 recommended to the GA to adopt a resolution conferring GC membership to all UN Member States for special sessions. As a follow up, UNEP's first session of a special character and the tenth session were held 10-18 May

1982 at the UNEP Headquarters, Nairobi.

Committee of Permanent Representatives

In May 1985, the Committee of Permanent Representative (CPR) was established through GC decision 13/2 in response to the need for a more formal process of consultation among governments and between the Executive Director and Governments. It also took into account increasing number of Governments accredited to Nairobi.

The Governing Council decision "invite[d] Governments that have not accredited a permanent mission to UNEP to designate a focal point for information and documentation pertaining to meetings of the Committee." In April 1997, at its 19th session, the GC strengthened the Committee and mandated it as its subsidiary organ.

The CPR holds four regular meetings a year. Extraordinary meetings may be convened by Chairperson, after consultation with Bureau members or at the request of at least five members. Today, CPR has held many meetings, and the 160th meeting of the CPR will be held in December 2022. The CPR may establish sub-committees, working groups and task forces as deemed appropriate (GC decision 19/32). Since the becoming of UNEA, CPR has held Annual Subcommittees (ASC) meetings. ASC's 9th meeting is scheduled for October 2022.

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OUTCOME

Clarify the respective roles and responsibilities of the **UNEA and CPR Bureaus**

PROGRESS

- Detailed guidance on roles and responsibility of the Bureaus is available in the annex to the outcome
- The annex has offered useful information for the UNEA Bureau nomination process, and for the introduction of new Bureau Members

CONCLUSION

- The outcome of the CPR-based review, as endorsed at UNEA-5.2, has a significant potential to improve of the efficiency and effectiveness of the deliberations of UNEA and its subsidiary bodies
- Member States and the Secretariat have a joint responsibility to continue efforts to promote the implementation of the recommendations to ensure full implementation by UNEA-6 and beyond
- This meeting provides an opportunity to make the content of the review process better known and applied, and to identify issues of priority and provide guidance on how to further strengthen implementation of the outcome.

Thank you



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