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Annotated Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the meeting.

The Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Environment Programme will open the meeting on 20 November 2023 at 10:00 (GMT+3).

2. Adoption of the agenda.

The Chair will propose the adoption of the provisional agenda for the meeting, as set out in document UNEP/CPR/ASC/10/1 and UNEP/CPR/ASC/10/1/Add.1. The Committee shall adopt the agenda.

3. Implementation of the Programme of Work and Budget 2022-2023 of the United Nations Environment Programme.

a) Review of UNEP thematic programmes in the UNEP Programme of Work.

The Secretariat will present an overview of the status of implementation of the 2022-2023 Programme of Work of UNEP. Presentations will be grouped by thematic work area and interspersed by an exchange of views with Member States and Stakeholders. The Committee is expected to take note of the presentation and provide guidance as appropriate.

b) Management and administration of UNEP.

The Secretariat will present an overview of UNEP's budget, human resources, and audits, including an update on the creation of the division on climate change, followed by an exchange of views with Member States and Stakeholders. The Committee is expected to take note of the presentation and provide guidance as necessary.

c) Consideration of relevant UNEP evaluation reports.

The Evaluation Office will present an overview of evaluations completed since the last subcommittee meeting, particularly referring to the Environmental Governance Sub-programme evaluation. The Evaluation Office will also provide an update on evaluation recommendation compliance, highlighting the key changes introduced from the approval of the new evaluation policy in October 2022. The presentations will be followed by a response from the UNEP Secretariat, as relevant, and an exchange of views with Member States and Stakeholders. The Committee is expected to take note of the evaluation and its management response and offer comments and suggestions.

d) UNEP in the context of the repositioning of the UN development system and country

delivery.

The Secretariat will present an overview of UNEP's country delivery and engagement with the UN Resident Coordinators and the UN country teams in strengthening the delivery of the environmental dimensions of sustainable development. The presentation will be followed by an interactive session with Member States, informed by Resident Coordinators. The Committee is invited to consider the information shared by UNEP and the Resident Coordinators and to provide guidance on strengthening engagement with the Resident Coordinator System at the country level. The Committee is also invited to review and provide guidance on draft inputs, prepared by UNEP, to a "checklist" distributed by the Chair of the UN Sustainable Development Group to all governing bodies of the United Nations development system entities, to "facilitate their oversight role, including monitoring and alignment and entity adherence to the dual reporting model.", in response to Member States' request in General Assembly resolution 76/4 on the review of the functioning of the reinvigorated resident coordinator system.

e) **Coordination within the UN system on the environment, including through the Environment Management Group.**

The Secretariat will present an overview of the engagement of UNEP within the UN System, using examples of interagency cooperation and coordination aiming to demonstrate the methodology applied to integrate environmental considerations in the work of other UN entities, including through the Environment Management Group. The presentation will be followed by an exchange of views with Member States and Stakeholders. The Committee is expected to take note of the presentation and provide guidance on how UNEP can leverage the collective strength of the UN System through interagency mechanisms, including the EMG, to integrate environmental considerations in the policies, programmes, and operations of the UN entities globally and on the ground, ultimately serving the SDGs.

4. Preparations for the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly.

The Secretariat will provide an update on the preparations for UNEA-6, including logistical arrangements, followed by an exchange of views with Member States and Stakeholders. The Committee may wish to take note of the information provided and give guidance to the Secretariat on the preparations for UNEA-6.

a) **Secretariat presentations of advanced versions of mandated reports to UNEA-6.**

The Secretariat will provide an overview of advanced unedited English versions of mandated reports to the sixth session of the United Nations Environment, with a focus on the recommendations. The Committee may wish to take note of the recommendations outlined in the progress reports and invite Member States to take into consideration the recommendations in their preparation for UNEA-6.

b) **UNEA sessions and related consequences for UNEP's Medium-Term Strategies and Programmes of Work and Budget.**

The Secretariat will present options for the scheduling of future UNEA sessions and their impact on the strategic and budgetary planning of UNEP, followed by an exchange of views with Member States and Stakeholders. The outcomes of the discussion will inform the development of a UNEA-6 decision on the dates and agenda for UNEA-7 as well as the development of the next Medium-term Strategy and Programme of Work and Budget. The Committee, while taking note of the views expressed, may wish to request the Secretariat to circulate a draft decision on the future sessions of UNEA and the next Medium-Term Strategy and Programme of Work and Budget of UNEP, including the dates and agenda for UNEA-7.

c) **Announcements of possible draft resolutions and decisions for UNEA-6.**

The Secretariat will present the guidelines for submission for draft resolutions and decisions as endorsed by the Bureaux of the Environment Assembly and the Committee of Permanent Representatives at the joint retreat held on 6 and 7 July 2023 in Morocco. Delegations will be invited to announce intentions or present draft resolutions or decisions for the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly, or associated concept notes, with a view to facilitating early consultations and effective preparation of intersessional consultations and negotiations in advance of UNEA-6. The Committee may wish to take note of the information provided; encourage Member States to engage with each other to foster collaboration, co-sponsorship, consolidation of proposals and avoid duplication of work; and

urge Member States to respect the deadline for the submission of draft proposals as well as the procedure as outlined in the guidelines.

5. Widening the funding base of UNEP.

The Secretariat will present an overview of UNEP's financial status, outlining the challenges associated with UNEP's current funding structure and opportunities for achieving a more secure, stable, adequate, and increased funding from a wider base of financing partners. This includes increased regional engagement in resource mobilization and outreach to new funding partners with a goal to increase core funding to the Environment Fund and flexible funding to thematic funds. The discussion is expected to be a dialogue about action taken following the recommendations from the 9th annual subcommittee meeting of the CPR to widen UNEP's funding base from Member States and other funding sources. The presentation will be followed by an exchange of views with Member States and Stakeholders. The Committee is requested to take note of the update from the Secretariat and provide guidance on further action needed by the Secretariat and Member States towards widening UNEP's funding base.

6. Future perspectives on environmental multilateralism.

The Co-Chairs of the High-Level Advisory Board on Effective Multilateralism will present the key recommendations in the report entitled "A Breakthrough for People and Planet: Effective and Inclusive Global Governance for Today and the Future", in particular, the chapter on "Planet and People". The report of the High-Level Advisory Board will provide input to the Summit of the Future to be held on 22 and 23 September 2024 in New York. The Co-Chairs will also present a summary of the discussion from the General Assembly preparatory ministerial meeting of the Summit of the Future held on 21 September 2023. The presentation will be followed by an exchange of views with Member States and Stakeholders. The Committee will be invited to take note of the discussion and request the Secretariat to undertake any follow-up action as needed.

7. Consideration of a draft Chair's summary of the meeting.

The meeting will consider a draft Chair's Summary of the meeting, which will capture the key recommendations and general guidance emerging from Member States and Stakeholders, as appropriate, following the discussions held under agenda items 3 to 6, to be formally adopted at the 164th meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, scheduled for 7 December 2023. The Committee will be invited to endorse the summary.

8. Other matters.

The meeting will consider any other matters related to its work.

9. Closing of the meeting.

The meeting is expected to close on 24 November 2023 at 18:00 (GMT+3).