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163rd meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Environment Programme

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Conference Room 2

10:00 – 13:00 & 15:00 – 18:00 (GMT+3)

Hybrid meeting

Report of the Subcommittee of the Committee of Permanent Representatives

1. Since the 162nd meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, held on 16 June 2023, three meetings of the subcommittee of the Committee have been held. Detailed meeting agendas, background documentation, and meeting summaries are available on the respective meeting webpages, with links provided below.
2. At the [subcommittee held on 18 July 2023](#), Member States considered a briefing on the 2022 UNEP Programme Performance Report, and a briefing on the UNEA sessions and related consequences for UNEP's Medium-Term Strategy and Programme of Work and Budget. Several questions were raised by Member States, to which the Secretariat provided responses.
3. **Member States recommended** that more information would be provided at the 10th annual subcommittee meeting of the Committee on highlights and lessons learned, UN reform, UNEP evaluation and audits, UNEP's contribution to poverty reduction, and its work on disasters and conflict. The recommendation has been taken into account in the preparation of the [agenda](#) and structure for [the 10th annual subcommittee meeting of the Committee](#).
4. At the [subcommittee held on 21 September 2023](#), Member States considered a briefing on the outcomes of and follow-up to the Conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam,

and Stockholm Conventions, an introduction to outcomes of the World Health Assembly, a presentation on the Global Cooling Pledge: Accelerating the transition to sustainable cooling for climate mitigation and adaptation, a presentation on the Buildings Breakthrough: Towards near zero emission and resilient buildings by 2030, and an update on the preparation of the seventh Global Environment Outlook. Several questions were raised by Member States, to which the Secretariat provided responses.

5. **Member States recommended** that the Secretariat provide a briefing on the rationale and consequences of establishing a new climate change division within UNEP and that a new agenda item on the implementation of paragraph 41j of the Summary of the 9th Annual Subcommittee meeting of the Committee should be included in the agenda of the subcommittee on 5 October, in preparation for final consideration at the resumed 162nd meeting of the CPR scheduled for 31 October.
6. **The Secretariat, in response**, included a new agenda item at the subcommittee meeting on 5 October (see below), and will provide briefings on the establishment of a new climate change division at the 163rd meeting of the Committee scheduled for 31 October 2023 and at the 10th annual subcommittee meeting of the CPR to be held from 20-24 November 2023.
7. At the [subcommittee meeting held on 5 October 2023](#), Member States considered a briefing on the United for Efficiency Country Saving Assessments – Energy-Efficient and Climate Friendly Appliances and Equipment, a presentation on the consultation process for Nature-based solutions, an update on the preparations for INC-3 on plastic pollution, and a consultation on draft guidance on the implementation of paragraph 41j of the Chair’s Summary of the 9th Annual Subcommittee meeting of the CPR. Several questions were raised by Member States, to which the Secretariat provided responses.
8. **Member States recommended** that the draft guidance under 41j should be revised to provide more clarity on the role of the CPR subcommittees, how the subcommittee agendas are determined, how to ensure that the implementation of UNEA resolutions is covered in the proposed standing agenda, and how to best capture possible recommendations and decisions in the summary and minutes of the CPR quarterly meetings.
9. **The Secretariat, in response**, has reached out to several delegations with a view to preparing a revised version of the draft guidance, for final consideration at the present meeting.