
Committee of Permanent Representatives Bureau Meeting
Wednesday, 21 February 2024
8:00 – 9:00 (GMT +3)
Conference room 9
Hybrid meeting

Chair's Summary

Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda.

1. H. E. Mr. Firas Khouri, Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR), Ambassador of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to Kenya and Permanent Representative to UNEP, opened and chaired the meeting.
2. The Chair invited the Executive Director to provide opening remarks. The Executive Director congratulated the CPR Bureau members and the co-facilitators for their leadership in steering the negotiations under the OECPR and for the good progress made so far.
3. The [agenda](#) was adopted.

Agenda item 2: Preparations for / stock-taking of progress made at the sixth meeting of the Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives.

4. The Secretariat presented a revised structure for the remainder of the week, including time allocated to the different resolution clusters, with the aim of finding agreement on as many draft resolutions and decisions as possible at the closing plenary of the OECPR on Friday. The Secretariat also proposed two additional meeting slots for cluster E to allow for sufficient time to consider the draft resolution and decision under this cluster.
5. The Bureau endorsed the revised structure for OECPR-6 for the remainder of the week, as adjusted for cluster E.
6. The co-facilitators provided short progress updates made in different clusters and requested that the CPR Bureau members, together with the Chair of the CPR, convey the message to their respective regional groups to advance the negotiations by focusing on the operative paragraphs in upcoming working group meetings, and to seek agreement for this approach at the stocktaking plenary meeting on 21 February. The Bureau agreed with the proposed way forward to advance the negotiations. The Chair informed of his intention to also meet with the regional groups.

Agenda item 3: Other Matters.

7. The Chair of the CPR informed the Bureau Members that the Chairs of the regional and political groups have agreed to a proposal to be presented by the UNEA President at the opening of UNEA regarding the treatment of all regional groups on an equal basis, bearing in mind that the Chair of the Group of Asia-Pacific States during UNEA is the State of Palestine, which is an Observer State.
8. Upon request, the Principal Legal Advisor clarified the definition of consensus and outlined

different procedural scenarios in case of possible objections to the proposal from the President in this regard.

9. The representative of the UNEA-6 Presidency provided an update on the consultations on the revised final draft Ministerial Declaration, which was circulated to all delegations on 15 February 2024, scheduled for Thursday, 22 February.

Agenda item 5: Closing of the meeting.

10. The Executive Director thanked all Bureau members for their contributions and reaffirmed the Secretariat's readiness to support the Bureau throughout this important period.
11. The meeting closed at 9:08 (GMT+3).

Annex: List of Participants

The Committee of Permanent Representatives Bureau Members

H. E. Mr. Firas Khouri, Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, Ambassador of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to Kenya and Permanent Representative to UNEP.
H. E. Mr. Wael Nasreldin Attiya, Vice Chair of the Committee, Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt, and Permanent Representative to UNEP,
H. E. Ms. Nicol Adamcová, Vice-Chair of the Committee, Ambassador of Czechia to Kenya and Permanent Representative to UNEP
H. E. Mr. Gunnar Andreas Holm, Vice Chair of the Committee, Ambassador of Norway to Kenya and Permanent Representative to UNEP.
Mr. Jovan Bernard Reid, Deputy Head of Mission of the Permanent Mission of Barbados.

Representatives of the President of the UN Environment Assembly participating in an ex-officio capacity:

Ms. Siham Mourabit, Deputy Head of Mission and Deputy Permanent Representative of Morocco to UNEP.

The UN Environment Program Secretariat was represented by:

Ms. Inger Andersen, Executive Director
Ms. Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, Deputy Executive Director
Mr. Nicolas Bertrand, Chief of Staff
Ms. Radhika Ochalik, Secretary of the Governing Bodies
Mr. Ulf Bjornholm, Deputy Secretary of the Governing Bodies
Mr. Stadler Trengove, Principal Legal Advisor