

Joint Bureaux of the United Nations Environment Assembly  
and the Committee of Permanent Representatives  
25 February 2024  
16:00 – 18:00 (GMT+3)  
Hybrid – Conference room 9 and Microsoft Teams

### **Summary**

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

1. H. E. Ms. Leila Benali, President of UNEA and Minister of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development of Morocco, and 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. Ms. Inger Andersen, Executive Director of UNEP, welcomed the Bureaux Members of UNEA and the CPR to Nairobi and thanked the members of the CPR Bureau for the work done during the week of the OECPR-6.
3. The [agenda](#) was adopted.

#### **Agenda item 2: Update on the consultations on the draft ministerial declaration of the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly**

4. The President of UNEA provided an update on the outcome of the informal consultations on the draft ministerial declaration for the sixth session of the Assembly held on 22 February in the margin of the sixth meeting of the Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives. As a follow, the President informed that she would circulate a revised text on Monday, 22 February, for consideration by Member States. The President requested members of the Joint Bureaux to transmit the message of unity, strength, and optimism to their respective regional groups to achieve consensus. The Presidency will also engage bilaterally with delegations to ensure a text as consensual and ambitious as possible.
5. Several Bureaux Members recognized the excellent work and efforts of the UNEA President to reach a consensual agreement while adding that the final document should reflect agreed text from previous international agreements and informing that some Member States have requested further consultations.

#### **Agenda item 3: Outcomes from the sixth session of the Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives.**

6. The Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives provided an update on the outcomes of the open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (OECPR-6), which started on Monday, 19 February and concluded on Friday, 23 February 2024, and informed on the status of negotiations on draft resolutions and decisions.
7. The Secretariat informed the Joint Bureaux of the outcome of the informal informal consultations held over the weekend and that the co-facilitators may request the Secretariat to upload non-

papers with streamlined/shortened alternative text(s) on the [UNEA -6 Resolutions Portal](#).

8. Several Bureaux Members requested the Secretariat to support the co-facilitators and the Committee of the Whole (once established) on procedural matters to ensure a smooth start to the work of the Committee of the Whole.

#### **Agenda item 4: Update on preparations for the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly**

9. The Executive Director announced that 7300 participants have registered, and 3600 badges have been collected to date; this is currently the UNEA with the highest participation. 181 countries and 150 Ministers and Vice Ministers have registered to attend.
10. The Secretariat provided a detailed update on the status of final preparations for the sixth session of UNEA; informed on the status of credentials submitted to UNEA-6 adding that the final report will be provided to the Bureau on 28 February for approval by UNEA on 29 February; and provided an update on the status of nominations of candidates for the Bureau of the seventh session of UNEA.
11. The UNEA Bureau endorsed the nomination of Mr. Norbert Kurilla, Advisor to the President of the Slovak Republic on Environment, Energy and Climate and Vice President of UNEA, as the Chair of the Committee of the Whole, and H. E. Silvio Jose Albuquerque e Silva, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Brazil to UNEP and Vice President of UNEA as the Rapporteur of the Committee of the Whole.
12. The Secretariat presented the organization of the work of the Committee of the Whole to be established on Monday, 26 February, including the provisional agenda and the annotated agenda, which was subsequently endorsed by the UNEA Bureau.
13. The Secretariat informed the Joint Bureaux that, given the number of draft resolutions and decisions to be finalized and the limited time available, it may not be possible to make available the drafts in the six UN official languages.
14. Several Bureaux Members expressed concern regarding adopting resolutions in English only. Upon request the Legal Advisor explained the provisions of rule 44 of the rules of procedure of UNEA.
15. The President informed the Joint Bureaux that, following consultations with the regional and political groups, the oral decision on the Chair of the Group of Asia-Pacific States will be proposed for adoption at the opening plenary of UNEA-6.

#### **Agenda item 5: Organization of work.**

16. Following a presentation by the Secretariat, the UNEA Bureau agreed on the proposed division of work among themselves for chairing the meetings devoted to the national statements scheduled for Thursday, 29 February, and Friday, 1 March.

#### **Agenda item 6: Other matters.**

17. There were no other matters.

#### **Agenda item 7: Closing of the meeting.**

18. The meeting closed at 17:43 (GMT+3).

## Annex: List of Participants

### UNEA Bureau Members:

1. H. E. Ms. Leila Benali, President of UNEA and Minister of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development of Morocco.
2. H.E. Mr. Silvio Jose Albuquerque e Silva, Vice President, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Brazil to UNEP.
3. H. E. Ms. Susana Muhamad Gonzales, Vice-President of UNEA and Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of Colombia, **represented** by H.E. Mr. Pedro León Cortés Ruiz, Ambassador and Permanent Representative to UNEP and Ms. Maria Teresa Becerra, Head of the Office of Foreign Affairs of the Ministry of Environment of Colombia.
4. H. E. Mr. Jafar Barmaki, Vice President, Ambassador and former Permanent Representative of Iran to UNEP.
5. H.E. Mr. Jose Duarte Piteira Silvestre Cordeiro, Vice President and Minister for the Environment and Climate Action, **represented** by H.E. Ms. Ana Filomena Rocha, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Portugal to UNEP.
6. H.E. Mr. Alioune Ndoye, Vice President of UNEA and Minister of Environment, Sustainable Development and Ecological Transformation of Senegal, **represented** by Mr. Baba Drame, Director of Environment at the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development and Mrs. Khadija Drame, Focal point for UNEA.
7. Mr. Norbert Kurilla, Advisor to the President of the Slovak Republic on Environment, Energy and Climate Action.
8. H.E. Ms. Rebecca Pow, Vice President of UNEA and Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Minister for Nature of the UK – **Online**.
9. Mr. Oleksandr Krasnolutskyi, Rapporteur of UNEA and Deputy Minister of Environment Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine, **represented** by H. E. Mr. Andrii Pravednyk, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Ukraine to UNEP.

### Committee of Permanent Representatives Bureau Members

1. 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.
2. H. E. Mr. Wael Nasreldin Attiya, Vice Chair of the Committee, Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt, and Permanent Representative to UNEP.
3. H. E. Ms. Nicol Adamcová, Vice-Chair of the Committee, Ambassador of Czechia to Kenya and Permanent Representative to UNEP.
4. H. E. Mr. Gunnar Andreas Holm, Vice Chair of the Committee, Ambassador of Norway to Kenya and Permanent Representative to UNEP.
5. Mr. Jovan Bernard Reid, Rapporteur, Deputy Head of Mission of the Permanent Mission of Barbados.

**UN Environment Programme Secretariat was represented by:**

1. Ms. Inger Andersen, Executive Director
2. Ms. Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, Deputy Executive Director
3. Ms. Radhika Ochalik, Secretary of the Governing Bodies
4. Mr. Ulf Bjornholm, Deputy Secretary of the Governing Bodies
5. Mr. Stadler Trengove, Principal Legal Advisor