
Committee of Permanent Representatives
Subcommittee Meeting
Nairobi, 19 March 2023
15:00 – 17:00 (GMT+3)
Hybrid meeting
Conference Room 4 (in person)
and Microsoft Teams (online)

Draft 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 the Republic of Kenya and Permanent Representative to the United Nations Environment Programme, opened the meeting.
2. The [agenda](#) was adopted.

Agenda item 2: Contribution of UNEA to the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development.

1. The Chair recalled that the 2024 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) to be held from 8 to 17 July 2024 at UNHQ in New York under the theme "*Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda and eradicating poverty in times of multiple crises: the effective delivery of sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions*" will review in-depth SDG Goals 1, 2, 13, 16 and 17.
2. The Chair reminded that on the recommendation of the Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR), the Environment Assembly, at its sixth session (UNEA-6), requested the CPR to consider and approve a written contribution of UNEA to the HLPF.
3. The Chair informed of the timeline, as agreed by the Bureau of the CPR, for the finalization of UNEA's consideration, highlighting the tight timeline in light of the fact that the original deadline provided by the President of the Economic and Social Council was 1 March 2024:
 - a) Delegations to provide written comments by Wednesday, 20 March.
 - b) The Secretariat to circulate a revised draft on Saturday, 23 March, for further consideration at the subcommittee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 26 March.
 - c) Comments to be provided on the revised draft during the 26 March subcommittee meeting and in writing by the end of the day on 26 March.
 - d) The Secretariat to circulate a final draft of the contribution under a silence procedure on Tuesday, 2 April.
 - e) Following the conclusion of the silence procedure on Wednesday, 3 April, COB Nairobi time, the final contribution to be transmitted to the President of the Economic and Social Council through a letter from the President of UNEA.
4. The Chair finally emphasized that based on established practice, the meeting of the subcommittee was a consultative meeting, whereby the Committee was expected to guide the Secretariat towards

a document that enjoyed broad agreement and acceptance, based on agreed language, and not a drafting exercise or a line-by-line negotiation.

5. Following the introduction by the Chair, the Secretariat provided a briefing on the [draft contribution](#).
6. Delegations that took the floor¹ provided the following comments in summary:
 - a. Welcomed the draft contribution, and noted that it presents a solid basis for further discussion and committed to positive engagement.
 - b. Collectively expressed concern on the short timeframe within which to provide comments on the draft contribution and further called for extending the deadline for submitting written contributions, to allow delegations to consult with experts in capitals and ensure ownership of the document.
 - c. Requested clarification on (i) the methodology to develop the draft HLPF contribution and whether the document should be an input from UNEA or from the Secretariat and (ii) on the scope and content of the document and whether it should reflect all the resolutions and decisions of past UNEA sessions or be limited only to those emanating from the sixth session.
 - d. Further suggested that the Secretariat establishes a methodology for developing UNEA contribution to HLPF.
 - e. Emphasized the importance of accurately reflecting and aligning the decisions and resolutions adopted at UNEA-6 to ensure a balanced and coherent presentation of UNEA-6 outcomes.
 - f. Suggested that references to UNEA resolutions, SDGs, and the work of UNEP should be reflected in a balanced manner.
 - g. Highlighted the need to include references to means of implementation, as well as all the principles of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development.
 - h. Provided specific text proposals to some paragraphs and sub-paragraphs, including proposed deletions and language edits, and committed to submitting comments and edits in writing.
7. The Secretariat, in response, thanked delegations for their comments and provided the following clarifications:
 - a. Clarified that, as per past practice, the contribution was prepared by the CPR, considering all previous UNEA resolutions and decisions and not only the most recent ones.
 - b. Further clarified that the draft contribution was prepared in accordance with the guidelines provided in [UNEA resolution 3/3](#), and in the letter from the President of ECOSOC.
 - c. Noted the suggestion for the Secretariat to establish a clear methodology for the development of UNEA contribution to HLPF to ensure consistent approach.
 - d. Stressed the importance of adhering as closely as possible to the timelines recommended by the CPR Bureau to ensure that the contribution becomes part of the 2024 HLPF report.
 - e. Agreed to extend the deadline for submitting written inputs to **Thursday, 21 March 2024**.
 - f. Noted that a revised draft based on comments received will be circulated by the Secretariat on Saturday, 23 March 2024, for further consideration during the CPR subcommittee meeting to be held on 26 March 2024. Member States will also have the opportunity to provide their comments in writing by 26 March 2024. Based on comments received, the Secretariat will circulate a final draft version of the contribution under a

¹ Russian Federation, Morocco, United States, Iran (Islamic Republic of), European Union, China, Brazil, Ethiopia, Argentina, Cuba, Switzerland, India, Egypt, Cameroon

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Agenda item 3: Other matters.

8. No other matters were raised.

Agenda item 4: Closing of the meeting.

9. The meeting closed at 16:40 (GMT+3).