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Note by the Secretariat

Since the closure of the resumed fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly, the Committee of Permanent Representatives has convened ten regular meetings, including resumed 160th and 162nd meetings. At all the meetings except the meeting directly preceding the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly, the Committee has considered a written report of the Executive Director and engaged in an exchange of views with the Executive Director at the meeting.

At its 158th meeting on 26 May 2022, the Committee consulted on the assessment and lessons learned from UNEA-5.2 and UNEP@50 and heard a briefing on the preparations for the Stockholm+50 International Meeting and the World Environment Day 2022.¹

At its 159th meeting on 29 September 2022, the Committee considered the implementation of the following UNEA resolutions:

- 5/2 entitled “Sustainable Nitrogen Management”
- 5/3 entitled “Future of the Global Environment Outlook”
- 5/5 entitled “Nature-based Solutions for supporting sustainable development”.²

At its 160th meeting on 8 December 2022, the Committee adopted the Chair’s summary of the 9th meeting of the annual subcommittee of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.³

¹ For more information, visit the meeting portal: <https://www.unep.org/events/cpr-meetings/158th-meeting-committee-permanent-representatives>

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³ For more information, visit the meeting portal: <https://www.unep.org/events/cpr-meetings/160th-meeting-committee-permanent-representatives>

At its resumed 160th meeting on 12 January 2023, the Committee considered the implementation of paragraph 41(j) of the Chair's Summary of the 9th annual subcommittee meeting of the Committee.⁴

At its 161st meeting on 9 March 2023, the Committee considered the preparations for the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly and continued its consideration of the implementation of paragraph 41(j) of the Chair's Summary of the 9th annual subcommittee meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives and consulted on the contribution of the United Nations Environment Assembly to the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development.⁵

At its 162nd meeting on 16 June 2023, the Committee elected the Chair, three Vice-Chairs and the Rapporteur of the Committee of Permanent Representatives for a two-year term beginning on 1 July 2023 and ending on 30 June 2025.⁶

At its resumed 162nd meeting on 31 October 2023, the Committee considered the financial outlook and funding challenges for UNEP – follow up from the 9th annual subcommittee meeting of the Committee and continued its consideration of the implementation of paragraph 41(j) of the Chair's Summary of the 9th annual subcommittee meeting of the Committee.⁷

At its 163rd meeting on 31 October 2023, the Committee was briefed on the update on the preparations for UNEA-6.⁸

At its 164th meeting on 25 January 2024, the Committee adopted the Chair's summary of the 10th annual subcommittee meeting.⁹

At its 165th meeting on 25 January 2024, the Committee considered the preparations for the upcoming session of the Environment Assembly.¹⁰

The Committee has also convened the 9th and 10th meetings of the annual subcommittee held from 24 to 28 October 2022 and from 20 to 24 November 2023, whereby the Committee, *inter alia*, considered the state of implementation of the Programme of Work and Budget 2022-2023 of UNEP and preparations for the UNEA-6.

At the sixth meeting of the Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives, which took place from 19 to 23 February 2024, the Committee agreed on its organization of work; took note of document UNEP/EA.6/13 on the implementation of decision 5/4 of the Environment Assembly on the extension of the programme of work for the period 2022-2023 by two years to the end of 2025, with the budget and targets being pro-rated accordingly; consulted on the administrative and budgetary matters, the contributions of the Environment Assembly to the meetings of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, and the preparation of decisions and outcomes of the UNEA-6.

On 19 February, under the item budget and programme performance, including implementation of previously adopted Assembly resolutions and decisions, the Committee took note of the following working documents:

- UNEP/EA.6/2 – Executive Director's report to the sixth session of the UN Environment Assembly: Effective, inclusive and sustainable multilateral actions to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution.

⁴ For more information, visit the meeting portal: <https://www.unep.org/events/cpr-meetings/resumed-160th-meeting-committee-permanent-representatives>

⁵ For more information, visit the meeting portal: <https://www.unep.org/events/cpr-meetings/161-meeting-committee-permanent-representatives>

⁶ For more information, visit the meeting portal: <https://www.unep.org/events/cpr-meetings/162nd-meeting-committee-permanent-representatives>

- UNEP/EA.6/3 – Report of the Executive Director on the progress in the implementation of resolution 4/3 on sustainable mobility.
- UNEP/EA.6/4 – Report of the Executive Director on the progress in the implementation of resolution 4/14 and resolution 5/2 on sustainable nitrogen management.
- UNEP/EA.6/5 – Report of the Executive Director on the progress in the implementation of resolution 5/1 on animal welfare, environment, and sustainable development nexus.
- UNEP/EA.6/6 – Report of the Executive Director on the progress in the implementation of resolution 5/7 on sound management of chemicals and waste.
- UNEP/EA.6/7 – Report of the Executive Director on the progress in the implementation of resolution 5/9 on sustainable and resilient infrastructure.
- UNEP/EA.6/8 – Report of the Executive Director on the progress in the implementation of resolution 5/11 on enhancing circular economy as a contribution to achieving sustainable consumption and production.
- UNEP/EA.6/9 – Report of the Executive Director on the progress in the implementation of resolution 5/12 on environmental aspects of minerals and metals management.
- UNEP/EA.6/10/Rev.1 – Report of the Executive Director on the progress in the implementation of resolution 5/13 on due regard to the principle of equitable geographical distribution, in accordance with paragraph 3 of article 101 of the Charter of the United Nations.
- UNEP/EA.6/11 – Report of the Executive Director on the progress in the implementation of resolution 5/14 on end plastic pollution: Towards an international legally binding instrument.
- UNEP/EA.6/12 – Report of the Executive Director on the amendments to the instrument for the establishment of the restructured Global Environment Facility.
- UNEP/EA.6/13 – Report by the Executive Director on Implementation of decisions 5/4 on the provisional agenda, dates and venue of the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly.

On 19 February, the Committee decided to recommend that the sixth session of the UN Environment Assembly defer its contributions to the forthcoming meetings of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, held under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council, taking place in New York in 2024 and 2025, to future meetings of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.

On 23 February, the Committee decided to transmit to UNEA for adoption a revised final draft ministerial declaration, as circulated by the President of the sixth session of UNEA to all delegations on 15 February 2024, without prejudice to the rights of Member States to make additional proposals for further consideration.

On 23 February, the Committee also considered 22 draft resolutions and 2 draft decisions, and recommended that UNEA should consider the following draft resolutions and decisions with a view to their possible adoption:

- UNEP/OECPR.6/L.1 – Draft decision on management of trust funds and earmarked contributions, submitted by the Secretariat, on behalf of the Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives

⁷ For more information, visit the meeting portal: <https://www.unep.org/events/cpr-meetings/resumed-162nd-meeting-committee-permanent-representatives>

⁸ For more information, visit the meeting portal: <https://www.unep.org/events/cpr-meetings/163rd-meeting-committee-permanent-representatives>

⁹ For more information, visit the meeting portal: <https://www.unep.org/events/cpr-meetings/164th-meeting-committee-permanent-representatives>

¹⁰ For more information, visit the meeting portal: <https://www.unep.org/events/cpr-quarterly-meetings/165th-meeting-committee-permanent-representatives>

- UNEP/OECPR.6/L.2 – Draft decision on the provisional agenda, date and venue of the seventh session of the United Nations Environment Assembly, submitted by the Secretariat, on behalf of the Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.
- UNEP/OECPR.6/L.3 – Draft resolution on environmental assistance and recovery in areas affected by armed conflicts, submitted by Ukraine.
- UNEP/OECPR.6/L.4 Draft resolution on effective, inclusive and sustainable multilateral actions towards climate justice, submitted by Sri Lanka.
- UNEP/OECPR.6/L.6 – Draft resolution on strengthening international efforts to halt land degradation, restore degraded lands and increase ecosystem and communities drought resilience, submitted by Saudi Arabia.
- UNEP/OECPR.6/L.7 – Draft resolution on fostering national action to address environmental challenges through increased cooperation between UNEA, UNEP, and MEAs, submitted by Malawi and Morocco on behalf of the group of African States. .
- UNEP/OECPR.6/L.8 – Draft resolution on enhancing the role and viability of regional environment ministerial forums and regional offices in achieving multilateral cooperation in tackling environmental challenges, submitted by Malawi on behalf of the group of African States.
- UNEP/OECPR.6/L.9 – Draft resolution on Highly Hazardous Pesticides, submitted by Ethiopia on behalf of the group of African States.
- UNEP/OECPR.6/L.10 – Draft resolution on development of criteria, norms, standards and guidelines for nature-based solutions to support sustainable development, submitted by Cameroon on behalf of the group of African States.
- UNEP/OECPR.6/L.11 – Draft resolution on sustainable lifestyles, submitted by India.
- UNEP/OECPR.6/L.12 – Draft resolution on promoting synergistic approaches to address the interlinked global crises of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution and support sustainable development, submitted by Japan.
- UNEP/OECPR.6/L.13 – Draft resolution on sound management of chemicals and waste, submitted by Switzerland.
- UNEP/OECPR.6/L.14 – Draft resolution on Solar Radiation Modification, submitted by Monaco and Switzerland.
- UNEP/OECPR.6/L.15 – Draft resolution on environmental aspects of minerals and metals, submitted by Switzerland and Senegal.
- UNEP/OECPR.6/L.16 – Draft resolution on promoting regional cooperation to improve air quality globally, submitted by the United States of America and Canada.
- UNEP/OECPR.6/L.17 – Draft resolution on combating sand and dust storms, submitted by the Islamic Republic of Iran.
- UNEP/OECPR.6/L.19 – Draft resolution on stepping up efforts for enhancing the circular economy transition domestically, regionally and globally, submitted by the European Union, on behalf of the EU and its Member States.
- UNEP/OECPR.6/L.20 – Draft resolution strengthening ocean and seas governance to tackle climate change, marine biodiversity loss and pollution, submitted by Costa Rica and the European Union, on behalf of the EU and its Member States.
- UNEP/OECPR.6/L.21 – Draft resolution on circularity of a resilient and low-carbon sugar cane agroindustry, submitted by Cuba.
- UNEP/OECPR.6/L.22 – Draft resolution on amendments to the instrument for the establishment of the restructured global environment facility, submitted by the Secretariat, on behalf of the Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.
- UNEP/OECPR.6/L.24 – Draft resolution on effective and inclusive solutions for strengthening water policies to achieve sustainable development in the context of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution, submitted by the European Union, on behalf of the EU and its Member States.

Finally, the Committee decided that no further action should be taken on the following draft resolutions:

- UNEP/OECPR.6/L.5 – Draft resolution on sustainable management of Cascades Systems, submitted by Sri Lanka.

- UNEP/OECPR.6/L.18 – Draft resolution on effective and inclusive solutions to strengthen water policies for sustainable development in the context of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution, submitted by the European Union on behalf of the EU and its Member States.
- UNEP/OECPR.6/L.23 – Draft resolution on living well in balance and harmony with Mother Earth and Mother Earth Centric Actions, submitted by the Plurinational State of Bolivia.