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Nairobi, 13 June 2024
Conference Room 2
10:00 – 18:00 (GMT+3)
Hybrid meeting

Draft report of the Subcommittee of the Committee of Permanent Representatives

- 1. Since the 165th meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, held on 25 January 2024, eight meetings of the subcommittee of the Committee have taken place. Detailed meeting agendas, background documentation, and meeting summaries are available on the respective meeting webpages, with links provided below.
- 2. At the subcommittee meetings held on 1 February, 6 February, and 8 February 2024:
 - a. Member States considered draft resolutions and decisions for the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly held from 28 February 2024 to 1 March 2024 (UNEA-6).
 - b. The draft resolutions and decisions were divided into five clusters and made available online through a password-protected <u>UNEA-6 resolution portal</u>.
 - c. The three sub-committee meetings offered an in-depth consideration of the draft resolutions and decisions, paragraph-by-paragraph.
- 3. At the subcommittee meeting held on 19 March 2024:
 - a. The Environment Assembly, at its sixth session, requested the CPR to consider and approve written contributions of the Environment Assembly to the meetings of the high-level political forum on sustainable development (HLPF) to be held in 2024 and

- 2025. Member States considered a draft contribution of UNEA to the HLPF to be held from 8 to 17 July 2024 at UNHQ in New York (2024 HLPF).
- b. Several questions were raised by Member States, to which the Secretariat provided responses. The outcome of the meeting is reflected in the Chair's meeting summary.

4. At the subcommittee meeting held on 26 March 2024:

- a. Member States heard a briefing on the implementation of the United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, and a briefing on the outcomes of the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals held from 12 to 17 February 2024.
- b. Member States considered and approved a revised draft contribution of UNEA to the 2024 HLPF. In a letter dated 7 April 2024, His Excellency Abdullah Bin Ali Amri, President of the seventh session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-7) and Chair of the Environment Authority of Oman, transmitted to the President of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) inputs of UNEA to the 2024 HLPF as considered and approved by the Committee.
- c. Several questions were raised by Member States on the items considered at the meeting, to which the Secretariat provided responses. The outcome of the meeting is reflected in the Chair's meeting summary.
- d. Some members of the subcommittee submitted recommendations for consideration and possible adoption at the 166th meeting of the CPR scheduled for 13 June 2024, as follows:
 - i. Each presentation on the outcomes of a Conference of the Parties or meetings of Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) should be complemented with information on how such outcomes relate to the implementation of UNEP's Programme of Work.
 - ii. The Chair and Bureau of the CPR, with the support of the Secretariat, should develop further guidance on how to prepare future contributions from UNEA to the HLPF.

5. At the subcommittee meeting held on 18 April 2024:

a. Member States considered a draft paper prepared by the Secretariat and outlining observations, lessons learned and recommendations from the sixth session of the Environment Assembly (UNEA-6) held from 26 February to 1 March, and of the sixth meeting of the Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives (OECPR-6), held from 19 to 23 February 2024; an updated briefing on UNEP's Foresight Trajectory, a briefing on the Global Environmental Data Strategy, briefings on two of UNEP thematic programmes, namely "Towards Zero Waste" and "Pollution and Health", and a briefing on the preparations for the fourth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on plastic pollution (INC-4) to held from 23 to 29 April 2024.

- b. Several questions were raised by Member States on the items considered at the meeting, to which the Secretariat provided responses. The outcome of the meeting is reflected in the Chair's meeting summary.
- c. Some Members of the subcommittee submitted recommendations for consideration and possible adoption at the 166th meeting of the CPR scheduled for 13 June 2024, as follows:
 - i. The Secretariat should further update the Committee on the foresight work and provide a draft outline of the report at the earliest juncture.

It should be noted that subsequently, a draft outline of the Global Foresight Report was shared by the Secretariat with Member States for possible comments in writing no later than 31 May 2024.

ii. The Secretariat should provide regular updates to the Committee on the development of Global Environmental Data Strategy and on the World Environment Situation Room.

6. At the subcommittee meeting held on 2 May 2024:

- a. Member States considered a briefing on human rights and the environment, a revised draft paper outlining observations, lessons learned and recommendations from the meetings of UNEA-6 and OECPR-6, briefings on two of the UNEP thematic programmes, namely, "Finance and Economic Transformations" and "Circularity in Sectors", a briefing on the preparations for the third session of the ad hoc open-ended working group on a science policy panel, a briefing on World Environmental Day and a briefing on the new UNEP Youth and Education Programme.
- b. Several questions were raised by Member States on the items considered at the meeting, to which the Secretariat provided responses. The outcome of the meeting is reflected in the Chair's meeting summary.

7. At the subcommittee meeting held on 6 June 2024:

- a) Member States considered a draft report of the subcommittee of the Committee of the Permanent Representatives covering the seven meetings of the subcommittee which have taken place since the 165th meeting of the Committee held on 25 January 2024.
- b) Following the consideration of the draft report, the subcommittee submitted the following recommendations for consideration and possible adoption at the 166th meeting of the CPR scheduled for 13 June 2024:
 - i. Each presentation on the outcomes of a Conference of the Parties or meetings of Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) should be complemented with information on how such outcomes relate to the implementation of UNEP's Programme of Work.

- iii. The Chair and Bureau of the CPR, supported by the secretariat, should develop further guidance on how to prepare future contributions from UNEA to the HLPF, taking into account any recommendations deriving from the UNEA-6 lessons learned process.
- iv. The Secretariat should further update the Committee on the foresight work.
- v. The Secretariat should provide regular updates to the Committee on the development of Global Environmental Data Strategy and on the World Environment Situation Room