Committee of Permanent Representatives
Bureau meeting
Wednesday, 10 July 2024
08:00 – 09:00 (GMT +3)
Conference Room 9
Hybrid meeting

Summary

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

1. His Excellency 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, delivered her opening remarks.

3. The agenda was adopted.

Agenda item 2: Stock-taking of progress made at the 11th annual subcommittee meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.

4. The Executive Director provided a brief update on progress made during the last two days of the meeting and on remaining agenda items.

5. Two Bureau members sought clarification on when recommendations will be requested considered and how they will be reflected in the draft Chair’s summary. They recommended that recommendations on sub-item 3 (a) should be made available in writing to all members of the CPR in advance.

6. The Secretariat explained that the procedure for recommendations builds on the agreed guidance on the implementation of paragraph 41 (j) of the Chair’s summary of the 9th annual subcommittee meeting, which states that the Secretariat is requested to capture relevant draft decisions or recommendations deriving from the subcommittee meetings in the summary of those meetings, and in the report of the subcommittee to be considered under a standing agenda of quarterly CPR meetings. In this regard, delegations would be invited to provide recommendations under each sub-item, followed by a response from the Secretariat on whether the recommendations are implementable, and by possible endorsement by the Committee of proposed recommendations for inclusion in the Chair’s summary.

7. The Secretariat further explained that recommendations from delegations under item 3 (a) would be compiled and made available on the meeting portal for review in advance of 11 July 2024.

8. The Secretariat also recalled that a non-paper on lessons learned from UNEA-6 with recommendations will be considered at the 11th annual subcommittee on 11 July (am).
Agenda item 3: Other matters.

9. The Bureau agreed that the meeting scheduled for Friday, 12 July, will start at 8:45 am.

Agenda item 4: Closing of the meeting.

10. The meeting closed at 8:40 (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, represented by Mr. Michal Novotny, Deputy Permanent Representative to UNEP.

H. E. Arnaud Suquet, Ambassador of France and Permanent Representative of France to UNEP, represented by Mr. Clément Payeur, Deputy Permanent Representative to UNEP.

Mr. Jovan Bernard Reid, Deputy Head of Mission of the Permanent Mission of Barbados.

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 Governing Bodies.
Mr. Ulf Bjornholm, Deputy Secretary of Governing Bodies.
Mr. Stadler Trengove, Principal Legal Adviser