

Closing Remarks

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Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representative to UNEP Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to UNEP Statement

1. Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates, colleagues Good afternoon.
2. It is my distinct pleasure to make some closing remarks at this orientation session for members of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR). I hope that the engagement you have had today was rich and fruitful and has prepared you for active contribution towards the CPR work and the seventh session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-7).
3. I am convinced you are now well equipped to support the work of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in fulfilling its mandate as the leading global authority on the environment. Through you, UNEP has found reliable partners to influence achievements in many spheres, including solutions to the three planetary environmental crises of climate change, nature and biodiversity loss, and pollution and waste.
4. UNEP has high expectations of you as members of its CPR to oversee the implementation of UNEA's resolutions and decisions. In this role, you shall guide the Executive Director to achieve UNEP's Medium-Term Strategy through its Programme of Work. Your presence, participation and full ownership of this orientation session is a critical point for a stronger foundation and awareness in the implementation of the governance processes of UNEP.
5. As I mentioned in my opening remarks this morning, the CPR Bureau is determined to ensure an early, inclusive and transparent inter-sessional preparatory process for UNEA-7 through timely submission, consideration and negotiation of draft resolutions and decisions.

6. The Secretariat's briefing this afternoon highlighted recommendations in the CPR-based review. This is an evolving and organic process that continues to guide CPR's work. I invite you to continue making contributions into the process to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the CPR for the success of UNEA as the Governing Body of UNEP.
7. Going forward, I wish to encourage you to register and participate in as many meetings which are organized by the Secretariat and reflected in the CPR Roadmap which is available on the CPR Portal.
8. I wish to assure you all my personal support, assistance and cooperation, as well as that of the CPR Bureau during the next three quarters remaining of our term in office.
9. I shall continue to count on your support in maintaining the momentum that we have generated during the term of the CPR Bureau, and where possible, achieve additional milestones. As we continue to cooperate, please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns that you may have.
10. Once again, a warm welcome to Nairobi and to the Committee of Permanent Representatives.

Thank you.