



## United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme

168<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives  
to the United Nations Environment Programme

Nairobi, 17 December 2024

Conference Room 2

10:00 – 18:00 (GMT+3)

Hybrid meeting

### **Draft decision containing draft recommendations proposed by delegations at the eleventh annual subcommittee meeting of the CPR for consideration by the CPR at its 168th quarterly meeting**

*[Note from the Secretariat : the draft recommendations highlighted in yellow in the body of the draft decision reflect the outcome of the discussions at the subcommittee meeting of the CPR held on 29 October 2024, during which the Committee recommended that these draft recommendations be further considered by the CPR at its 168<sup>th</sup> meeting to be held on 17 December 2024]*

*The Committee of Permanent Representatives,*

*Recalling* the draft recommendations proposed by delegations at the 11th annual subcommittee meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR) held from 8 to 12 July 2024,

*Further recalling* decision 167/1 adopted by the Committee at its 167<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 12 September 2024,

*Noting* discussions held at the subcommittee meetings of the CPR held on 29 October 2024 and 5 November 2024,

#### **(a) Review of UNEP thematic programmes in the UNEP Programme of Work<sup>1</sup>**

1. *Requests* the Secretariat to identify challenges and explore opportunities to enhance sustainable finance for climate adaptation, for biodiversity action and the implementation of the Kunming Montreal-Global Biodiversity Framework (KM-GBF) and for pollution action.
2. *Requests* that the Secretariat strive to avoid duplication with other science policy processes such as Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystems Services (IPBES), International Resource Panel (IRP), the future panel whose establishment was called for in UNEA 5/8 and the subsidiary body of relevant Multilateral Environment Agreements (MEAs), when developing the seventh Global Environment Outlook (GEO-

<sup>1</sup> Highlights of the discussion held under item 3 (a) on the agenda of the 11<sup>th</sup> annual subcommittee meeting of the CPR, namely “Review of UNEP thematic programmes in the UNEP Programme of Work” can be found in the [Final Chair’s Summary](#)

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3. *Welcomes* the proposed changes to strengthen delivery of the medium-term strategy (MTS) through its programmes on Pollution and Health, Towards Zero Waste and Circularity in Sectors and requests the Secretariat to increase efforts on circularity, sustainable patterns of consumption and production and health with full respect of the mandates of UNEP and the World Health Organisation (WHO).
  4. Recommends that the new programme of work (PoW) and MTS reaffirms and highlights the work of UNEP's Foundational Subprogrammes (Science-Policy and Environmental Governance), ensuring that concrete results and defined actions are implemented and also recommends that the Secretariat allocates sufficient budget and reinvigorates the efforts to mobilize resources for the foundational subprogrammes.
  5. *Reiterates* [UNEA decision 6/7](#) that the new MTS is prepared through open, transparent and inclusive consultation with Member States and fully taking into account the views of Member States.
  6. *Requests* the Secretariat to consistently include in all future iterations of the Programme Performance Report an overview of challenges, opportunities and lessons learned for all sub-programmes, management and financial matters. Lessons learnt should be strategic and analytic and relate to both context and partners, as well as to programmatic and institutional lessons as relevant for UNEP to improve its operations and performance.
  7. *Requests* the Secretariat to present at a future CPR Subcommittee meeting changes it will make in the implementation of the programme of work and budget for the period 2024-2025 following the lessons learned and the inputs provided at the 11<sup>th</sup> ASC meeting.
  8. *Recommends* the Secretariat to better integrate and link information on policy work, results, available financial resources and expenditures in future Program Performance Reports.
  9. *Recommends* that the Secretariat briefs the CPR Subcommittee on geographical distribution and on an updated Gender Strategy, as well as on the implementation of the evaluation recommendations regarding gender.
  10. *Requests* the Secretariat to accelerate action and increase ambition in restoring degraded lands, building drought resilience and promoting sustainable land management practices.

**(b) Management and administration of UNEP<sup>2</sup>**

11. *Requests* the Secretariat to follow up on the decision of the CPR to include evaluations and audits, as a standing item on the agenda of the quarterly meetings of the CPR and to present in preparation for the CPR quarterly meetings, the relevant audit and evaluations reports, including related management responses, to a CPR subcommittee meeting for review and possible recommendations.
12. *Requests* the Secretariat to prioritize the implementation of all outstanding recommendations contained in audits, investigations and evaluation reports.
13. *Requests* the Secretariat to develop concrete steps to improve on the Executive Direction and Management performance related indicators and present them during a future subcommittee meeting of the CPR.
14. *Reiterates* the decision of the CPR at its 164<sup>th</sup> meeting ([164/1, paragraph 4](#)) on prevention on sexual exploitation and abuse, and sexual harassment.

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<sup>2</sup> Highlights of the discussion held under item 3 (b) on the agenda of the 11<sup>th</sup> annual subcommittee meeting of the CPR, namely "Management and Administration of UNEP" can be found in the [Final Chair's Summary](#)

**(c) UNEP evaluation reports<sup>3</sup>**

15. *Strongly encourages* UNEP to strengthen the ‘likelihood of impact’, ‘achievement of project outcomes’ and ‘sustainability’ dimensions of projects.
16. *Encourages* UNEP to strengthen institutional learning through strong feedback loops between evaluations and the development of new policies and project designs.

**(d) Coordination within the UN system on the environment through the Environment Management Group<sup>4</sup>**

17. *Invites* the EMG Secretariat to work with the EMG members to consider the topic of land degradation and desertification for a possible Common Approach. Further invites the EMG to consider the topic of climate change within existing Common Approaches or alternatively consider the development of a UN Common Approach to Climate.
18. *Recommends* that the UN Common Approaches be integrated within the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks at country level.
19. *Requests* the Secretariat, in the context of the UNDS Reform, to ensure optimal use of the EMG and the comparative advantages of other UN entities for mainstreaming environmental approaches throughout the UN system.
20. *Highlights* the importance of regular briefings on the work of the EMG in the future CPR subcommittee meetings.

**(e) Roadmap for the development of a medium-term strategy for the period 2026-2029 and a draft programme of work and budget for the period 2026-2027<sup>5</sup>**

- ~~21. *Requests* the Secretariat to revise the roadmap to better reflect involvement of Member States in the development of the draft MTS, including through subcommittee meetings and other type of meetings. [WITHDRAWN]~~
22. *Requests* the Secretariat to fully reflect the implementation of the outcomes of UNEA in the draft MTS.
23. *Requests* the Secretariat to focus the draft MTS on the full range of environmental challenges, including desertification and land degradation.
24. *Welcomes* the results of the lessons learned from new evaluations and audits and requests the Secretariat to include an explicit focus on poverty eradication, inequality and leaving no one behind in the draft MTS.
25. *Requests* the Secretariat to indicate clearly and early in the process how lessons learned from the implementation of current MTS and PoW will be taken into account on the development of the MTS 2026-2029 and further iterations of PoW.
26. *Recommends* that the Secretariat highlights in the roadmap the regional consultations on the MTS and

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<sup>3</sup> Highlights of the discussion held under item 3 (c) on the agenda of the 11<sup>th</sup> annual subcommittee meeting of the CPR, namely “*Consideration of relevant UNEP evaluation reports*” can be found in the [Final Chair’s Summary](#)

<sup>4</sup> Highlights of the discussion held under item 3 (d) on the agenda of the 11<sup>th</sup> annual subcommittee meeting of the CPR, namely “*Coordination within the UN system on the environment through the Environment Management Group*” can be found in the [Final Chair’s Summary](#)

<sup>5</sup> Highlights of the discussion held under item 5 (a) on the agenda of the 11<sup>th</sup> annual subcommittee meeting of the CPR, namely “*Roadmap for the development of a medium-term strategy for the period 2026-2029 and a draft programme of work and budget for the period 2026-2027*” can be found in the [Final Chair’s Summary](#)

PoW.

27. *Recommends* that the Secretariat underlines the importance of the contributions of the regional Forums to the work of UNEP, specifically to the development of the MTS and its PoW, in line with resolution 6/3.
  28. *Recommends* that the Secretariat puts more emphasis on the private sector in its resource mobilization strategy.
  29. *Recommends* that the Secretariat schedules more meetings at the level of the subcommittee, including informal meetings that should serve the purpose of forging a consensus on a robust and efficient roadmap.
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