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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

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,

Also recalling decision 167/1 adopted by the Committee at its 167th meeting held on 12 September 2024,

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

(a) Review of UNEP thematic programmes in the UNEP Programme of Work¹

1. *Requests* the Secretariat to report to the CPR on the identification of challenges and opportunities to enhance the provision and mobilization of resources for climate adaptation, pollution, biodiversity loss and the implementation of the Kunming Montreal-Global Biodiversity Framework (KM-GBF).
2. *Requests* the Secretariat, when developing the seventh Global Environment Outlook (GEO-7), to strive to avoid duplication in line with UNEA resolution 5/3, paragraph 5, with existing assessments and other science policy processes such as the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystems Services (IPBES), International Resource Panel (IRP), and the future panel whose establishment was called for in UNEA resolution 5/8 and the subsidiary body of relevant Multilateral Environment Agreements (MEAs).
3. *Welcomes* the proposed changes² to strengthen delivery of the medium-term strategy through its programmes on Pollution and Health, Towards Zero Waste and Circularity in Sectors and requests the Secretariat to implement those changes with full respect of the mandate of UNEP.

¹ Highlights of the discussion held under item 3 (a) on the agenda of the 11th 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](#)

² [UNEP Programme Performance Report 2022-20223](#)

4. Requests UNEP to present during the development of the programme of work for 2026-2027 and the medium-term strategy for 2026-2029, a vision for the implementation of the recommendations made in the 2022-2023 Evaluation Synthesis Report on UNEP foundational sub-programmes (Science-Policy and Environmental Governance), further giving consideration to the provision of capacity building to developing countries, for discussion at the CPR.
5. *Reiterates* [UNEA decision 6/7](#) that the new medium-term strategy 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 include in 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. *Recommends* the Secretariat to better integrate and link information on policy work, results, available financial resources and expenditures in future Program Performance Reports.
8. *Recommends* the Secretariat to continue to brief the CPR subcommittee on geographical distribution and to include in the Executive Director's reports to the CPR quarterly meeting explicit information on the change of representation ratios for at least three previous years.
9. *Requests* the Secretariat to brief the CPR subcommittee on an updated Gender Strategy, as well as on the implementation of the evaluation recommendations regarding gender.
10. *Requests* the Secretariat to brief the CPR on UNEA resolutions 6/14 and 6/7, including options for consideration by the CPR on their integration in the new medium-term strategy and programme of work.

(b) Management and administration of UNEP³

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 164th meeting ([164/1, paragraph 4](#)) on prevention on sexual exploitation and abuse, and sexual harassment.

(c) UNEP evaluation reports⁴

15. *Takes note of* the 2022-2023 Evaluation Synthesis Report⁵ and strongly recommends UNEP to strengthen the 'likelihood of impact, 'achievement of project outcomes' and 'sustainability' dimensions of projects in the programme of work for 2026-2027 and subsequent programmes of work.

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

⁴ Highlights of the discussion held under item 3 (c) on the agenda of the 11th annual subcommittee meeting of the CPR, namely "Consideration of relevant UNEP evaluation reports" can be found in the [Final Chair's Summary](#)

⁵ [2022-2023 Evaluation Synthesis Report](#)

16. *Recommends* UNEP to strengthen its institutional learning through implementation of the recommendations of evaluations during the development of new policies and project designs, and to present proposed ways for how it intends to do so during the consultations on the medium-term strategy for 2026 to 2029.

(d) Coordination within the UN system on the environment through the Environment Management Group⁶

17. *Highlights* the importance of regular briefings on the work of the Environment Management Group 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 2026-2027⁷

18. *Requests* the Secretariat to fully reflect the implementation of the outcomes of UNEA in the draft medium-term strategy.
19. *Requests* the Secretariat to include in the draft medium-term strategy a full range of environmental challenges.
20. *Welcomes* the results of the lessons learned from new evaluations and audits and recalling UNEA decision 6/7, paragraph 9, and UNEA resolution 4/18, paragraph 8, *requests* the Secretariat to include an explicit focus on the linkages between poverty and environment in the draft medium-term strategy, for discussion in the CPR.
21. *Requests* the Secretariat to indicate clearly and early in the process how lessons learned from the implementation of current medium-term strategy and programme of work will be taken into account on the development of the medium-term strategy 2026-2029 and further iterations of programme of work.
22. *Recommends* that the Secretariat highlights in the roadmap the regional consultations on the medium-term strategy and programme of work.
23. *Recommends* that the Secretariat continues to enhance the consideration of the role and viability of regional forums of ministers of environment and environment authorities in the work of UNEP specifically when considering the development of the medium-term strategy for 2026-2029 and their programmes of work in line with UNEA resolution 6/3, paragraph 1 (a).
24. *Requests* the Secretariat to present to the CPR on how it will refine its engagement with the private sector⁸ in the context of UNEP's resource mobilization strategy.
25. *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.

⁶ Highlights of the discussion held under item 3 (d) on the agenda of the 11th 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](#)

⁷ Highlights of the discussion held under item 5 (a) on the agenda of the 11th 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](#)

⁸ 2023Report “Harnessing the Private Sector for solutions to the Three Planetary Environmental Crises”