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168th meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Environment Programme

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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 167th meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR), held on 12 September 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 meeting held on 19 September 2024](#):
 - a. Member States heard a briefing on the outcomes from the third authors meeting for the seventh Global Environment Outlook (GEO-7) and on the development of the GEO-7 Summary for Policy Makers.
 - b. Several questions were raised by Member States on the item considered at the meeting, to which the Secretariat provided responses.
 - c. The outcome of the meeting is reflected in the [Chair's summary](#).
 - d. One member of the subcommittee proposed draft recommendations for further consideration and possible adoption by the CPR at its 168th quarterly meeting, as follows:
 - 1) ***Requests the Secretariat to closely align GEO-7 to the core functions of the GEO process established in paragraph 5 of [UNEA resolution 5/3](#), namely to evaluate “the effectiveness of the global policy response, evaluates future perspectives for all five environmental themes addressed in previous Global***

Environment Outlook assessments, and evaluates the drivers of environmental change and the interactions across these environmental themes”.

2) *Requests* the Executive Director, pursuant to paragraph 13 of [UNEA resolution 5/3](#), to consult more regularly with the Committee of Permanent Representatives on important elements of the Global Environment Outlook process.

3. At the [subcommittee meeting held on 15 October 2024](#):

- a. Member States considered UNEP’s thematic programme on “Environmental Governance”, the overview of the audit process in UNEP, and the preparations for the fifth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to develop an internationally legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment (INC-5).
- b. Several questions were raised by Member States on the items considered at the meeting, to which the Secretariat provided responses.
- c. The outcome of the meeting is reflected in the [Chair’s summary](#).

4. At the [subcommittee meeting held on 29 October 2024](#):

- a. Member States continued their consideration of the overview of the audit process in UNEP, specifically focusing on the proposed CPR reporting on audit and evaluations. No questions were raised by Member States under this item.
- b. In line with [Decision 167/2](#) on improving the identification, formulation and recording of decisions and conclusions of the CPR, adopted by the CPR at its 167th meeting, Member States heard a presentation on the [note on the mandate of the CPR](#), and on the [revised cost implications](#) of draft recommendations proposed by delegations at the eleventh annual subcommittee meeting of the CPR (11th ASC).
- c. Member States further considered a [draft decision](#) containing draft recommendation proposed by delegations at the 11th ASC for consideration and possible adoption by the CPR at its 168th quarterly meeting.
- d. The outcome of the meeting is reflected in the [Chair’s summary](#) and in a [revised version of the draft decision](#) containing draft recommendation proposed by delegations at the 11th ASC for consideration and possible adoption by the CPR at its 168th quarterly meeting.

5. At the [subcommittee meetings held on 5 November 2024](#):

- a. Member States continued the consideration of the [draft decision](#) containing draft recommendations proposed by delegations at the 11th ASC for consideration and possible adoption by the CPR at its 168th quarterly meeting.
- b. Member States concluded the consideration of the draft recommendations proposed by delegations at the 11th ASC, and recommended that these draft recommendations,

as revised, be further considered by the CPR at its 168th quarterly meeting for final consideration and possible adoption.

- c. The outcome of the meeting is reflected in the [Chair's summary](#) and in the [final version of the of the draft decision](#) containing draft recommendations proposed by delegations at the 11th ASC for consideration by the CPR at its 168th quarterly meeting.

6. At the [subcommittee meeting held on 8 November 2024](#):

- a. Member States considered a briefing on the 2024 editions of the Emissions Gap Report and Adaptation Gap Report.
- b. Several questions were raised by Member States on the items considered at the meeting, to which the Secretariat provided responses.
- c. The outcome of the meeting is reflected in the [Chair's summary](#).

7. At the [subcommittee meetings held on 14 November 2024](#):

- a. Member States considered a briefing on UNEP's thematic programmes on "Mainstreaming Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services across Sectors and Systems", "Governance and Accountability" and "Science for Policy and Action".
- b. Several questions were raised by Member States on the items considered at the meeting, to which the Secretariat provided responses.
- c. The outcome of the meeting is reflected in the [Chair's summary](#).

8. At the [subcommittee meetings held on 19 November 2024](#):

- a. Member States considered a briefing on UNEP's thematic programme on "Digital Transformations", the World Environment Situation Room, the Global Environmental Data Strategy and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development's (UNCTAD) Digital Economy Report.
- b. Several questions were raised by Member States on the items considered at the meeting, to which the Secretariat provided responses.
- c. The outcome of the meeting is reflected in the [Chair's summary](#)

9. At the [subcommittee meetings held on 3 December 2024](#):

- a. Member States considered an update on the status of the production of the Seventh edition of the Global Environment Outlook (GEO-7), and 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.
- b. Several questions were raised by Member States on the items considered at the meeting, to which the Secretariat provided responses.
- c. In line with [Decision 167/2](#) on improving the identification, formulation and recording of decisions and conclusions of the CPR, adopted by the CPR at its 167th

meeting, Member States considered a draft decision containing draft recommendations proposed by members of the Committee at subcommittee meetings for consideration and possible adoption by the Committee at its 168th quarterly meeting, set out in document [UNEP/CPR/168/5](#).

- d. The outcome of the meeting is reflected in the [Chair's summary](#) and in a revised version of the draft decision, set out in document [UNEP/CPR/168/5/Rev.1](#).