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10:00 – 18:00 (GMT+3)

Hybrid meeting

Item 8 of the provisional agenda

Report of the subcommittee

**Draft decision containing draft recommendations proposed by members of the
Committee at subcommittee meetings for consideration by the Committee at its
169th quarterly meeting**

The Committee of Permanent Representatives,

Recalling paragraph 2 of its [decision 167/2](#) on improving the identification, formulation and recording of decisions and conclusions of the CPR,

Noting the discussions held during the subcommittee meetings of the CPR on 23 January 2025, 20 February 2025, and 27 February 2025;

(a) Review of UNEP's thematic programmes

1. *Recommends* that UNEP expands its technical support and capacity building programmes for personnel from developing countries, particularly from Africa, in areas such as employing digital solutions for enhancing transparency efforts, with the aim of enhancing data collection and analysis processes and preparing relevant reports. ¹
2. *Requests* the Secretariat in future briefings on thematic programmes or reviews to provide relevant information on the available budget for the programme, including on the sources of funding. ²

(b) Outcomes of the sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification ³

3. *Invites* Member States to join the Riyadh Global Drought Resilience Partnership.

¹ Highlight of the discussions held under agenda item 2 on the agenda of the subcommittee meeting of the CPR held on 10 September 2024, namely "Review of UNEP's thematic programmes", and discussions held at the subcommittee meeting of the CPR held on 23 January 2025 can be found in the following documents: [Chair's Summary](#) and the [Chair's Summary](#), respectively.

² Highlights of the discussions held under item 2 on the agenda of the subcommittee meeting of the CPR held on 23 January 2025, namely "Review of UNEP's thematic programmes" can be found in the [Chair's Summary](#).

³ Highlights of the discussions held under agenda item 2 on the agenda of the subcommittee meeting of the CPR held on 20 February 2025, namely "Briefing on the outcomes of the sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification" can be found in the Chair's Summary *[to be finalized]*.

4. *Invites* Member States to renew their commitments to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and actively participate in the implementation of the Rio declaration.

(c) UNEP's land degradation portfolio⁴

5. *Recommends* that extra effort be made to allow cross-border initiatives especially on issues regarding land degradation to be given attention in accessing the financial commitments.
6. *Recommends* considering options and ways on how UNEP could add another portfolio that can address the issues of drought and desertification, and also to open discussion, or reflection, on how these issues can also be better reflected and better focused in the next medium term strategy for 2026-2029.
7. *Invites* Member States to invest in innovative solutions and technologies that enhance land restoration efforts.
8. *Invites* Member States to foster collaboration among governments, non-governmental organizations and the private sector to create a united front against desertification.

(d) Organization of work⁵

9. *Recalls* the guidance on the organization of work for the Committee of Permanent Representatives endorsed at its resumed 162nd meeting on 31st October 2023, particularly paragraphs four and five regarding the timing for making documents available, namely, 15 working days for the quarterly meetings of the Committee and seven working days for the subcommittee meetings, and recommends that the consideration of the relevant agenda items should be postponed to a future meeting if documents are not made available in accordance with this guidance.



⁴ Highlights of the discussions held under agenda item 3 on the agenda of the subcommittee meeting of the CPR held on 20 February 2025, namely “Briefing on UNEP’s land degradation portfolio” can be found in the Chair’s Summary *[to be finalized]*.

⁵ Highlights of the discussions held under agenda item 6 on the agenda of the subcommittee meeting of the CPR held on 27 February 2025, namely “Other matters” can be found in the Chair’s Summary *[to be finalized]*.