

**5. Report of the Executive Director Executive Director's report for the period August – October 2018**

- Thank you very much for the presentation. Switzerland continues to find these quarterly reports very useful.
- Specifically, I would like to thank the Acting ED and the new director for Corporate Services for the presentation on the OIOS audit on travel. It's good to see that the Secretariat takes its findings and recommendations seriously and that first measures have already been taken. Member States will remain interested in regular updates on further progress.
- In the future, we encourage the Secretariat to move to a reporting cycle in line with the regular CPR meetings that allows for a consideration of the reports within a narrow time frame. Ideally, we should not be discussing August 2018 in January 2019.
- I have one specific remark concerning the report.
- You mentioned the launch of the "*Global Plastics Platform*" by UNEP at the margins of UNGA as a key achievement over the past three months. We have a couple of concerns related to that:
- **First, on timing:** the platform was launched at the exact same time (!) in New York, when the second ad hoc open-ended expert working group meeting on marine plastic litter and microplastics was taking place in Geneva. The event took the delegations in Geneva by surprise, since the Secretariat has not informed us there, nor had the co-chairs been involved.
- **Second, on proliferation and redundancy:** Under UNEP's marine litter work, according to the mandates given from past UNEAs, Member States have been asked to report on actions under a voluntary platform. In addition there is a platform for reporting on all pollution related activities initiated through UNEA-3. And now, there is even one more platform launched at the UNGA by UNEP.
- **Third, on leadership on the issue:** If we all want to have UNEP and UNEA lead the way on plastic pollution, we need to make sure that we streamline the process so that member states know when and where to engage to take the necessary political decisions along the way.

## **6(b): Overview of draft resolutions**

- In general, we strongly suggest using the limited time available in the Subcommittee Meetings to the administrative decisions to be taken by UNEA. In this context, we would like to get an introduction by the Secretariat to the draft resolution on the Programme of Work and Budget in one of the next subcommittee meeting.
- Over the last weeks and months, the substantial resolutions have already been briefly introduced in the CPR by their sponsors. Initial views have been shared and general suggestions and comments can further be shared on the platform.
- There is no need for any line-by-line negotiation in the Subcommittee, since the OECPR is the right place to negotiate the content of the substantial and technical resolutions.

## **7. Consideration of resolutions adopted at previous sessions of the UNEA**

- We greatly value the reporting on the status of the implementation of the resolutions. We would like to see such updates periodically, both in the CPR and in Subcommittee Meetings.
- With regard to the status on resolutions 2/10 and 3/10 my delegation has a specific question: How does the implementation work here relate to the recent progress under the ad hoc open ended working group on marine litter and (micro)plastics? Are there any synergies to be generated?

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