

Committee of Permanent Representatives  
Bureau Meeting  
Friday 15 February 2019  
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.,  
Executive Office Board Room  
United Nations Office at Nairobi, Gigiri

## **MEETING SUMMARY**

### **Agenda Item 1: Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda**

1. H.E. Ms. Francisca Ashietey-Odunton, Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, High Commissioner and Permanent Representative of Ghana, chaired the meeting, in which the following members of the Bureau, the co-facilitators of the submitted draft UNEA resolutions and the Secretariat participated:

#### **Committee of Permanent Representatives Bureau members:**

H.E. Mr. Marek Rohr-Garztecki, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Poland, Rapporteur, Eastern European Group;  
H.E. Mr. Choi Yeonghan, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea, Vice Chair, Asia Pacific Group  
H.E. Ms. Elizabeth Jay Taylor, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Colombia, Vice Chair, Latin America and Caribbean Group  
Mr. Dan J. Carl, Deputy Permanent Representative of the United States of America, representing H.E. Ms. Lori Dando, Permanent Representative of United States of America, Vice Chair, Western European and Other States Group;

#### **Co-facilitators in the lead of consultations on draft resolutions:**

H.E. Mr. Erik Lundberg, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Finland;  
H.E. Mr. Pavel Řezáč Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Czech Republic;  
H.E. Ms. Julia Pataki, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Romania;  
H.E. Mr. Sunil de Silva, High Commissioner and Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka  
H.E. Ms. Marta E. Juarez Ruiz Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Costa Rica;  
Mr. Marcus Davies, Deputy Permanent Representative of Canada;

Mr. Ado Lõhmus, Special Envoy of the President of the UN Environment Assembly, Estonia and Mr. Patrick Luna, Deputy Permanent representative of Brazil, representing H.E. Mr. Fernando Estellita Lins de Salvo Coimbra, Vice President and Ambassador of the Federative Republic of Brazil, participated ex-officio.

#### **The UN Environment Programme Secretariat was represented by:**

Ms. Joyce Msuya, Acting Executive Director;  
Mr. Jorge Laguna-Celis, Secretary of Governing Bodies; Mr. Ulf Björnholm, Deputy Secretary of Governing Bodies;  
Mr. Stadler Trengrove, Principal Legal Officer.

2. The meeting adopted the provisional agenda.

### **Agenda Item 2: Preparations of the Open-Ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives and the fourth session of the UN Environment Assembly**

3. The meeting considered the draft agenda and structure for the OECPR, and took note of the concerns raised by several delegations with regard to ensure a flexible organization of work while taking into account the need to limit the number of parallel meetings to allow for smaller delegations to follow the meeting adequately. The Secretariat provided further clarifications on the proposed agenda and structure especially with regard to the organization and sequence of the plenary.
4. The Secretariat was requested to revise the structure to 1) limit the duration of the plenary; 2) provide for the necessary flexibility of the organization of work and 3) facilitate the participation of small delegations by making sure that no more than two negotiating groups and/or plenary meetings will run concurrently. The meeting also stressed the importance of ensuring that delegations begin negotiations on draft resolutions as soon as possible, starting on the first day of the OECPR.
5. On this basis the meeting agreed that the proposed structure should be left unchanged for the first two days of the OECPR, and that the OECPR will itself decide on how to organize itself on day 3-5 on the basis of a recommendation from the CPR bureau.
6. The Secretariat then gave a short update on the submitted UNEA draft resolutions, noting that over 35 resolutions had been submitted. Upon the invitation of the Chair, the co-facilitators provided an update on progress made of their work during informal consultations.
7. The meeting agreed that, following stock-taking of draft resolutions at the 145<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives on 19 February 2019, the draft resolutions should remain unchanged until the opening of the OECPR so as to give experts in capitals sufficient time to examine the drafts.
8. The Secretariat informed the meeting that they were working to provide information on costing and links to the Programme of Work as a basis for further consultations. The aim is to provide this analysis for each draft resolution at least one week before the opening of the OECPR, to be made available through the papersmart portal.
9. The rapporteur of the CPR bureau underlined the need for the bureau to meet again before the OECPR, to clarify further how to proceed with the consultations of the numerous draft resolutions.

### **Agenda Item 3: Any Other matters**

10. The meeting was informed that the high-level segment of the UN environment Assembly would start at 11.00 a.m., with a view to adapt the programme to teg One Planet Summit.

11. The meeting was also informed that a decision had been made to nominate the outgoing president of the International Union for Conservation of Nature, Ms. Inger Anderson, to the General Assembly for endorsement as the Executive Director of the UN Environment Programme
12. The meeting expressed their appreciation and gratitude for the work undertaken by Ms. Joyce Msuya in her capacity as the Acting Executive Director.

**Agenda Item 4: Closing of the Meeting**

13. The meeting closed at 12.30 p.m.