

## B. Emerging consensual elements

*I. The preparation, working arrangements and scheduling of sessions of the UN Environment Assembly and of the objectives, preparation, working arrangements and the scheduling of meetings of its subsidiary body, namely the meeting of the Open-ended CPR and the regular and annual meetings of the subcommittee of the CPR. (Decision 4/2, subparagraph 10 (a))*

### Preliminary conclusions and recommendations:

1. Under the guidance of the UNEA Bureau and the Secretariat, **ensure that the UNEA theme provides a framework for the political debate at the high-level segment as well as for other UNEA-related events and campaigns**, and that it provides “soft guidance” for Member States in their preparation of draft UNEA resolutions, while fully respecting Member States’ right to table draft resolutions on any subject in accordance with the UNEA Rules of Procedures and established practices.
2. **Organize, as a general practice and unless otherwise decided by UNEA, meetings of the Open-Ended Committee of Permanent Representatives back-to-back** with the UN Environment Assembly, while ensuring effective, participatory and inclusive intersessional preparations.
3. **Designate the Open-Ended Committee of Permanent Representatives as a “Preparatory Committee for the UN Environment Assembly” (UNEA PREPCOM)**, while keeping its current mandate, as established in UNEP Governing Council decision 27/2, unchanged.
4. **Designate the Annual Subcommittee meeting as a “Review and Oversight Committee”**, while keeping its existing mandate, as established in UNEP Governing Council decision 27/2, unchanged.
5. Under the guidance of the UNEA Bureau and the Secretariat, **create an optimal balance between political negotiations, the UNEA high-level Segment, and official and non-official UNEA events**, to ensure political ownership and to enable, as far as possible, all Member States to participate in the negotiations on UNEA resolutions. This may entail limiting the number of side events and other events, and minimizing overlaps in the scheduling and structure of UNEA sessions.
6. Under the guidance of the UNEA Bureau and the Secretariat and in close cooperation with the MEA Secretariats, **strengthen the contributions of multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs) to UNEA with a view to promote cooperation**, while fully respecting their respective mandates, including through a possible “MEA segment” held in conjunction or back-to-back with the UNEA high level segment, and the involvement of MEA Secretariats in consultations on draft resolutions. This may facilitate the development of the resolutions and avoid duplication and contradiction between the UNEA resolutions and the MEAs governing bodies’ resolutions.
7. Subject to available resources, **strengthen preparations for UNEA at regional level**, including by encouraging Members of the UNEA Bureau to solicit input from regional ministerial environmental forums and regional forums on sustainable development, to identify relevant regional contributions and inputs to UNEA sessions.
8. Under guidance of the UNEA Bureau and the Secretariat, **strengthen science-policy interface at UNEA**, including by strategic scheduling of the Science-Policy-Business Forum and the Sustainable Innovation Expo, making best use of flagship scientific environmental assessments, and by facilitating science-based decision making through the provision of dedicated briefings and consultations on the theme of UNEA and/or proposed resolutions.
9. In accordance with the UNEA Rules of Procedures and established practices, and under guidance of the UNEA Bureau and the Secretariat and subject to the availability of financial resources, **strengthen the participation of Major Groups representatives at UNEA and its preparatory process**, including in the context of selecting the UNEA theme, by encouraging stronger participation from local, indigenous communities and small and medium-sized enterprises, and by offering relevant Secretariat trainings and briefings for stakeholders.

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10. Under the guidance of the CPR Bureau and the Secretariat, **improve the identification and formulation of decisions and conclusions from CPR meetings**, including through strategic and timely scheduling of CPR meetings and high-quality documentation from the Secretariat, such as annotated agendas, background documentation and meeting summaries.
11. Under the guidance of the CPR Bureau and the Secretariat and subject to the availability of resources, **consider how to further broaden ownership and inclusiveness of CPR meetings** through the facilitation of remote participation of member states without representation in Nairobi, and of online access to documents and crucial information on meeting portals and the UNEA website.