

Committee of Permanent Representatives  
Subcommittee Meeting  
Thursday 27 February 2020  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
United Nations Office of Nairobi  
Conference Room 4

### **MEETING SUMMARY**

#### **Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting and adoption of the Agenda**

1. H.E Mr. Fernando Coimbra of the committee of Permanent Representative and Ambassador and permanent Representative of Brazil, welcomed all member states and opened the meeting.
2. The agenda was adopted.

#### **Agenda Item 2: Draft elements of a resolution the Global Programme of Action for the protection of the marine environment from land-based activities**

3. The Secretariat presented the draft elements of a decision on the Global Programme of Action for the protection of the marine environment from land-based activities (GPA), which was shared shortly before the meeting, for consideration by Member States at the next subcommittee meeting scheduled for 5 March 2020.
4. Member States welcomed the note in general terms and requested more information on the idea of organizing a Multi-Stakeholder Forum on the GPA at UNEA-5, also taking into account the high number of other activities and events that are expected to take place during UNEA-5, and how to streamline the work of relevant conventions such as Abidjan Convention and Nairobi Convention within the Programme.
5. The Secretariat clarified that the idea of organizing a Multi-Stakeholder Forum had evolved in response to some of the inputs received by Member States and welcomed further guidance on the matter, and explained that the GPA is a global framework that is independent from the respective regional seas conventions which have their own governing bodies.

#### **Agenda Item 3: Update on the future of the Global Environment Outlook.**

6. The Secretariat provided an update to the Committee of Permanent Representatives on the work of the Future of GEO Steering Committee, and informed the Committee that a team of consultants has been recruited to support the development of an “options paper”, in preparation for a workshop in Trinidad and Tobago scheduled for the end of March 2020. The Secretariat also informed the committee of six planned regional consultation meetings for member States, as well as online consultations, in line with the mandate provided by the UNEA-4 resolution to ensure broad consultations.
7. Member States welcomed the update and expressed appreciation and support to the process. The Secretariat was requested to clarify the choice of meeting locations, whereby delegations were informed that the venue and participation to each meeting was decided based on consideration on cost-effectiveness and estimated carbon footprint, and that it was not necessarily aligned with the exact

composition of UN regional groups; the title of the consultations would be revised accordingly to avoid confusion.

**Agenda Item 4: Proposed revisions to Meeting Summary for the Sub-Committee meeting of 27 February 2020 on Implementation of UNEA 4 Resolution 22**

8. The Secretariat presented a consolidated proposal for an improved framework for reporting, including a monitoring and reporting mechanism, included a revised roadmap for the development of the mechanism, in accordance with previous guidance provided by the Committee.
9. Member States welcomed the update and appreciated the work done by the Secretariat on the development of the online monitoring and reporting mechanism. They emphasized that reporting on the UNEA outcomes should include resolutions from all UNEA assemblies, not only UNEA-4.
10. In response to a question on access to more detailed information on UNEP's projects, the Secretariat informed the meeting that such information was available at UNEP's Open Data Portal, at <http://open.unep.org/>. With respect to resources to develop the monitoring and reporting mechanism, the Secretariat clarified that existing resources would cover the current work as outlined in the roadmap, and that it would revert to the Committee on resource implications for future work.
11. The meeting agreed that the Secretariat should be guided by the consolidated reporting proposal in its future work, and that the Secretariat should continue to develop a web-based monitoring mechanism as outlined in the roadmap, taking into account the need to make it operational as soon as possible, also taking into account it could support Member States in their preparations of UNEA-5.

**Agenda Item 5: Other matters.**

12. No other matters were discussed at the meeting.

**Agenda Item 6: Closing of the meeting.**

13. The meeting closed at 10:30 am.