

United Kingdom's Comments

While the whole of UK society is faced with the task of responding to Covid-19, this has not impeded our commitment to tackling the most pressing environmental issues. Like UNEP, we recognize the need to 'build back better' as the globe looks to recover from the Covid pandemic and we look forward to working alongside UNEP to achieve this endeavor.

Agenda item: Implementation of paragraphs 9-13 of Decision UNEP/EA.4/2 entitled "Provisional agenda, date and venue of the fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly"

Pre – session document 1- Note from the Secretariat for the consultation meeting on the CPR-based review: Options under subparagraph 10 (d)

UK comments

- The UK is supportive of the consolidated approach outlined.
- However we would like to ensure that the agendas and discussions of ongoing CPR meetings are not overburdened by reporting requirements which could distract from planning and preparations for UNEA-5.
- We would like to again stress the need for any reporting to indicate what difference UNEP's engagement has made, in addition to any change which may have occurred independently, and learning lessons from that.
- We are grateful for the update on the roadmap for the proposed web-based monitoring and reporting mechanism and look forward to utilising the system.

Pre – session document 2 - Converging elements of consensus Process for review by the Committee of Permanent Representatives "Developed by the co-facilitators Version III, 5 May 2020

UK comments

- The UK supports the Secretariat and the bureaux in their preparations and we are thankful for this continued work.
- We would like to ensure that this is all done as far in advance as is practically possible in advance of UNEA-5. With the IUCN World Conservation Congress now scheduled to take place 7-18 January, the month will be extremely busy for UNEP and member states.
- We would urge the two Secretariats to correspond and work with each other to make both events as helpful as possible.

Pre – session document 4- ANNEX II to the "Converging elements of consensus" - Draft guidance to Member States on submission of draft resolutions to UNEA

UK comments:

- The UK is supportive of the approach.

- With regard to the concept note that will be required to be produced in the submission of resolutions, a requirement to give consideration to the resolutions impact to post Covid-19 recovery could be useful given the timing of UNEA-5.