

Input in writing from Mexico on the Process for Review by the CPR
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Mexico is grateful for the thorough preparation of the co-facilitators and the Secretariat for today's meeting to discuss the 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" with particular focus on subparagraph 10 d) and version III of the document "Converging elements of consensus" developed by the co-facilitators, including Annex II "Draft guidance to Member States on submission of draft resolutions to the UN Environment Assembly".

Regarding the document "Converging elements of consensus", Mexico would like to comment on the following paragraphs, according to our intervention today:

- a) Paragraph 2.- Mexico insists on deleting the word "formal" at the end of the paragraph, so that it reads "**and avoiding negotiations during weekends**". Allowing informal negotiations to take place during the weekends would cause confusion. Preparatory work should begin during the intersessional period in order to avoid leaving all the negotiations for the last five days of the OECPR.
- b) Paragraph 3.- Our delegation has serious reservations on changing the designation of the meeting of the "Open-Ended Committee of Permanent Representatives (OECPR)" to "Preparatory Committee for the UN Environment Assembly (UNEA PREPCOM)", as the mandate, functioning and chairmanship implied with the new designation are not clear.
- c) Paragraph 15.- We would like to add "in-depth" to the wording of the paragraph, so that it reads: "*..., the CPR should initiate **in-depth consideration** of draft resolutions as soon as possible after the tabling of a draft resolution or decision*".

Regarding the Annex II to the document in question, Mexico would like to make two proposals:

- a) In the second bullet, we would like to suggest the following change after the first sentence: "*The draft resolutions will be immediately submitted to the Committee of Permanent Representatives by the Secretariat, for further **in-depth** consideration by the Committee, to allow for preparation for the Open-Ended Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives*".
- b) Our delegation **supports the creation of working groups and of resolution clusters for the timely in-depth consideration of resolutions.**

Mexico would very much appreciate if you could incorporate our suggestions. The broad participation of Member States and the fruitful and interesting discussion is leading us to the achievement of the necessary consensus to better use the intersessional period and to better deal with resolutions and decisions, thus preparing an inclusive, transparent and successful UNEA-5.