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# Subcommittee Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to UNEP (CPR)

**Nairobi, 3 December 2020**

**Agenda item 5: Preparations for the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the creation of UNEP**

***Comments by the European Union and its Member States***

* The EU and it Member States thank the Secretariat for preparing a draft strategic plan for the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the creation of UNEP.
* The EU and it Member States welcome to launch the UNEP@50 commemorations during UNEA-5/1 and the focus on UNEP’s core mandates with a particular accent given to the science-policy interface.
* On the question whether the outcome of the 73/333 consultation process should be adopted at UNEP@50 or at Stockholm+50, the EU and it Member States suggest waiting before defining our position regarding a landing ground until we have more information on the organization and content of these two events.
* The EU and its Member States support the bullet points on UNEP@50 in the UNEP Secretariat note, that clearly state that UNEP@50 and Stockholm+50 are distinctly different but closely interrelated forums, that could be mutually reinforcing and contribute to a reinvigorated and modernized environmental multilateralism.
* The EU and its Member States are supportive of the idea of launching the UNEP “Global Assessment Synthesis Report” on the occasion of UNEA-5/1, as it would provide great momentum for the year to come. With a view to the “Legacy Publication”, the EU and its Member States would like to ask UNEP to provide details for our further consideration. Additionally, we would like to suggest examining how this process could benefit the work done so far for the Future of GEO process. In line with this, the effort of focusing on UNEP’s core mandate of a science-policy interface should build on the experience and work performed so far in the aforementioned GEO process, and not only on the Ad-hoc Global Assessment Dialogue (see paragraph 19).
* With regard to the proposal of having an entire communication initiative and elaboration of a “visual identity” across the length of the intersessional period, the EU and its Member States are wondering if such an extensive list of events to engage with the UNEP@50 commemorations is necessary. Henceforth, we urge the Secretariat to reconsider the length of the list of multilateral environmental meetings and events to give prominence to the UNEP@50 commemoration and suggest to make a selection of fewer. For instance, we wonder if instead considering the International Day for Poverty Eradication it wouldn’t make more sense to consider the International Day for Blue Skies and Clean Air.
* We advocate to use the “Synthesis Report” and potentially also the “Legacy Publication” as part of the communication campaign as well as a vehicle to connect to relevant international events.
* The EU and its MS encourage the Secretariat to target the communication campaign towards relevant stakeholders, including the public.