**UNEP Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR) Subcommittee Meeting**

*December 10, 2020 | Virtual Meeting*

**~ Canada’s Written Comments ~**

**AGENDA ITEM 3: Draft decisions for the virtual session of UNEA-5 in February 2021**

* Canada supports a clear and transparent process and timeline for arriving to an agreement on these three decisions.
* We have no comments on the draft decision for the Programme of Work and Budget (2022–2023) and Medium-Term Strategy (2022-2025), nor on the draft decision on the management of trust funds and earmarked contributions.

*Draft decision on the Resumed session of UNEA:*

* **Preamble**: we suggest adding a new paragraph recalling the theme of UNEA:
  + *“Recall the UNEA-5 theme of “Strengthening Actions for Nature to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals*”.
* **OP6:** we request that the timeline for tabling draft resolutions be changed from “at least eight weeks prior to OECPR” to “**at least ten weeks prior to OECPR**”, so as to reflect the agreement reached by Member States during the CPR review process under decision 4/2.
* **OP*7* and OP*7alt*** (regarding UNEP@50):
  + We are aligned with other Member States who indicated that the UNEP@50 commemorations does not require a Special Session of UNEA.
  + While Canada is fully supportive of a proper and well deserved commemoration for UNEP’s 50th anniversary, we are of the view that a light, one day, ceremony is sufficient, recognizing that there will already be a kick-off event during the virtual session of UNEA-5 in February 2021, as well as potential other opportunities to celebrate this occasion during the intersessional period.
  + In addition, by organizing a two-day Special Session of UNEA for this event, we would be concerned about the corresponding impacts to the timing allotted for the resumed “part 2” session of UNEA-5, recognizing that all substantive matters, including the high-level segment, have been postponed to February 2022 and that we will need proper time to conclude the resolutions and decisions.
  + Therefore, Canada supports UNEP@50 to be integrated as part of the high-level segment during the “part 2” session of UNEA-5 (as proposed in OP*7alt*), and reiterates that a one day event is sufficient.

**AGENDA ITEM 5: Preparations for UNEP@50** (document provided (UNEP/SC/2020/15/5))

* **Para. 11 b): we oppose the holding of a UNEA Special Session for UNEP@50** (see details and rationale above). The commemoration should be one day maximum and part of the “UNEA 5.2” High level segment.
* The document falls short of specific details on what the commemoration will actually consist of, both at the kick-off event in 2021, and at the actual event in 2022.
* On **Para. 10**, Canada would like to request that a draft iteration of the “Global Assessments Synthesis Report” be provided to Member States in advance of its tabling.
* On **Para. 18**, we would also like to request clarification regarding why the “legacy publication” will only be released at the conclusion of UNEP@50 and not sooner.