

**Committee of Permanent Representatives
Subcommittee Meetings
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Presentation of the UNEP Programme Performance Report for 2020

Comment by the European Union and its Member States

- Regarding “Environmental governance”, the EU and its Member States congratulate the targets achieved. This is a clear sign of convergence of the international community on common and integrated approaches to achieve environmental objectives, implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the SGD’s. Nonetheless, there is an urgent need to ramp up the UN system’s effort on environment and climate change, as shown in the report from the Joint Inspection Unit on Mainstreaming Environmental Sustainability. EU and Member States support UNEP’s continued leadership role in raising the ambition.
- On the sub-programme “Resource efficiency”, the EU and its Member States support UNEP’s promotion of the inclusion of sustainability in their policies and practices carried with public and private sector actors on the support of countries and regions in their transition to sustainable development. We welcome UNEP to continue its leadership role in supporting Member States and addressing this in the wider UN system.
- On the sub-programme “Healthy and Productive Ecosystems”, the EU and its Member States fully support the recognition of the critical role that ecosystems and biodiversity play in achieving sustainable development and the necessarily need for a global understanding of the importance of healthy ecosystems, and mainstreaming environmental considerations across sectors and borders including this environmental issues in economic decision-making.
- On the sub-programme “Climate Change”, the EU and its Member States recognise the role UNEP could play in assisting Member States in addressing the need to bring adaptation projects to the stage where they bring real protection against climate impacts such as droughts, floods and sea-level rise.
- The EU and its Member States underline the increasing growth in renewable energy, nevertheless there is still a massive potential for countries to unlock clean energy generation and job creation. We welcome additional support from UNEP to further assist Member States in developing policies to incentivize the uptake of renewable energy.