

Committee of Permanent Representatives
Bureau Meeting
Monday 21 June 2021
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm, GMT+3
Online

MEETING SUMMARY

Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda.

1. H.E. Mr. Fernando Coimbra, Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives and Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Brazil, chaired the meeting, in which the following members of the bureau participated:

The Committee of Permanent Representatives Bureau members:

H.E. Mr. Marek Rohr-Garztecki, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Poland, Vice Chair, Eastern European Group;

H.E. Ms. Saqlain Syedah, High Commissioner and Permanent Representative of Pakistan, Vice Chair, Asia-Pacific Group

Mrs. Gudi Alkemade, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Netherlands, on behalf of H.E. Mr. Maarten Brouwer, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of The Netherlands, Vice Chair, Western European and Other States Group

H.E. Mr. Chol M. U. Ajongo, Rapporteur, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of South Sudan

The Bureau of the UN Environment Assembly was represented *ex officio* by:

H.E. Ms. Elin Rognlie, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Norway

The UN Environment Programme Secretariat was represented by:

Ms. Inger Andersen, Executive Director;

Ms. Joyce Msuya, Deputy Executive Director;

Mr. Rafael Peralta, Chief of Staff;

Mr. Jorge Laguna-Celis, Secretary of Governing Bodies;

Mr. Ulf Bjornholm, Deputy Secretary of Governing Bodies;

Mr. Stadler Trengrove, Principal Legal Officer.

2. Upon request of a Bureau member and on a non-objection basis, the Chair has decided to postpone the meeting until 4:00 pm (Nairobi time).
3. The meeting agenda was adopted.

Agenda item 2: Consideration of the cycle of term of office of the Bureau of Committee of Permanent Representatives.

4. The Chair recalled that an informal contact group at expert level had been established following the previous Bureau meeting on 16 June, with a view to draft elements for a decision on the cycle of term of office of the Bureau of CPR. The outcome of the informal contact group paper had been circulated to the members of the Bureau and chairs of regional groups for consideration. The Chair outlined the approach contained in the outcome paper and noted that not all regional groups had formally nominated their candidates for the incoming Bureau. He then opened the floor for comments.
5. Ms. Inger Andersen, Executive Director of UNEP, stressed that it is imperative to find a timely agreement and reiterated that the Secretariat stands ready to continue to support the process towards a successful conclusion.
6. Members of the Bureau generally welcomed the elements prepared by the informal contact group as good basis for a possible compromise, paving the way to the election of a new CPR Bureau by acclamation. One Member, while noting that his regional group was considering the proposal positively, requested more time for final scrutiny. Some Members also expressed hope that a solution be found soon, so future discussions in the CPR would focus on substantive matters.
7. On the basis of the discussion, the Chair requested the Secretariat to make the outcome of the informal contact group available to all Member States for final consideration at the extraordinary meeting of the Committee scheduled for Wednesday 23 June 2021, with a view to adopt the decision in conjunction with the election, by acclamation, of a new Bureau of the Committee for the period 1 July 2021 – 30 June 2023.
8. The Chair thanked members of the Bureau for their active participation and engagement.

Agenda Item 4: Other matters.

9. No other matters were raised.

Agenda Item 4: Closing of the Meeting.

10. The meeting closed at 5:00 pm.