

EU and MS interventions during the CPR Subcommittee Meeting of 14 October

Agenda Item 2. Presentation / announcement of possible draft resolutions or concept notes by Member States in preparation for the Annual Subcommittee meeting.

The EU and its MS thank the CPR Bureau for providing the opportunity to the MSs to announce their intention to table resolutions.

The EU and its MS support the call for submitting draft proposals as early as possible to engage in fruitful considerations.

The EU and its MS recall its support and the co-sponsorship of the draft resolution to launch an intergovernmental negotiating committee (INC) for a Global Agreement on Plastics at UNEA5.2

Additionally, the EU and its MS would like to announce the intention to table two resolutions:

- One on Nature based Solutions, aiming for a common understanding on the concept of “Nature based Solutions” and to step up their implementation as a vital component that has significant potential for climate change adaptation and mitigation, multiple co-benefits for biodiversity, water and people, as well as food security and
- One on accelerating climate adaptation for water quality and aquatic ecosystems also in cross-border cooperation in river basin areas and regional sea areas shared by different countries.

The EU+MS plan to table concept notes regarding the intended resolutions during the 8th Annual Subcommittee meeting.

Assuming a lot of work can be done before the OECPR, we recognize that the resumed session of UNEA 5 could also decide on many subjects especially those quoted in the “Possible key areas” document provided by the secretariat at the 155th CPR and the extension of the 10 Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns (10YFP).

As we had indicated on earlier occasions, EU and its MS, welcome the intention to work towards the adoption of a Ministerial Declaration at UNEA5.2.

Furthermore, we look forward to the resumption of the consultations on the Political Declaration following UNGA resolution 73/333, which can possibly be adopted at UNEP@50.

We are interested to hear proposals from other UNMS and will support the Bureau in facilitating us to manage our workload in an effective manner.

Agenda Item 4: Update on the consensual process for review by the Committee of Permanent Representatives

The EU and its MS thank the Secretariat for providing a brief progress update on the consensual process for review by the Committee of Permanent Representatives, as mandated by UNEA decisions 4/2 and considered at the 7th meeting of the annual subcommittee (ASC).

The EU and its MS also wish to thank the Secretariat for sharing the pre-session documents, and all the delegations for their flexibility in the past consultations in the Process for review by the CPR.

The EU and its MS look forward to a constructive discussion in order to find an agreement on the final remaining issues, to finalize the process and to adopt the outcome at the resumed session of UNEA-5.

Under paragraph 3, section 2 of the outcome of the stock-taking meeting, the EU and its MS welcome the reference to OECPR as Open-Ended Preparatory Meeting for UNEA and to ASC meeting as CPR Review and Oversight Meeting. The EU and its MS think that the proposed references would clearly indicate the function of these meetings and therefore, for example, encourage participation from the capitals.

The EU and its MS look forward to the secretariat's guidance on facilitating this discussion, in order to ensure swift finalization of this process (as much as possible before the OECPR).