

Committee of Permanent Representatives
Subcommittee Meeting
Tuesday 14 December 2021
10:00 - 13:00; 15:00 – 18:00
Conference Room 1, United Nations Office of Nairobi
Hybrid Meeting (GoTo meeting platform)

Agenda Item 2: Consultations on draft resolutions and decisions for UNEA 5.2.

This note serves as a background document for consideration of Agenda Item 2: *Consultations on draft resolutions and decisions for UNEA 5.2*. It contains a revised draft decision on provisional agenda, date and venue of UNEA-6, following consultations at the CPR subcommittee meetings on 9, 11 and 25 November 2021, which includes proposals made by Member States, as well as a new draft paragraph prepared by the secretariat that addresses the use of the acronym “UNEP” as the short form of the United Nations Environment Programme, the adjustment of the logo and visual identity of UNEP, in accordance with option 1 in the background document presented by the Secretariat at the CPR subcommittee meeting on 12 September 2019.

The draft also includes a paragraph on the endorsement of the Process for review by the CPR, as referred to in paragraphs 9-13 of [UNEA decision 4/2](#) and in line with the recent agreement as reflected in paragraphs 24-26 of the [Chair’s Summary of the 8th meeting of the annual subcommittee](#). It further includes a draft paragraph, in brackets, on the [action plan for the implementation of paragraph 88 of the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development](#), as prepared by the secretariat following the request outlined in paragraph 14 of UNEA decisions 4/2.

The draft currently leaves the choice of date open, to allow for further discussion and guidance from Member States on this aspect. To facilitate these discussions, the text is accompanied by a note entitled “Secretariat note on the implications of rescheduling UNEA-6”, and an “implication matrix”, which is the same as was presented to the Committee on 25 November. With regard to the choice of date, the draft takes into account the following guidance from previous UNEA and CPR decisions:

- Operative paragraph 1 in decision 2/22 decided “*to hold its regular sessions in odd numbered years commencing with its third session in 2017.*”
- Operative paragraph 3 of Decision 3/2 decided “*to hold the sessions of the United Nations Environment Assembly, following the fourth session of the Environment Assembly, during the last week of February, unless otherwise decided by the Environment Assembly, at its headquarters in Nairobi, consistent with rule 4 of the rules of procedure.*”
- Operative paragraph 6 of the Decision of the Extraordinary meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Environment Programme Nairobi, 23 June 2021, decided to recommend “*to the fifth session of the Assembly to decide that, on an exceptional basis and without creating a precedent, its sixth session shall be held no earlier than February 2024 to ensure a full two-year term for the Presidency of the sixth session.*”
- The outcome of the Process for review by the CPR, as agreed at the 8th meeting of the annual subcommittee in October 2021.

The choice of date for UNEA-6 will have consequences of the scheduling of future UNEA sessions (e.g. with regard to the 2-year period between sessions and whether or not future UNEA sessions should continue to be held in odd numbered years). It will also have consequences for the approval of future UNEP Programmes of Work and Medium-Term Strategies. See the secretariat technical note (separate document) for further details.

Delegations are invited to further consider the draft decision in view of possible finalization and adoption at the resumed session of UNEA-5.

DECISION X: PROVISIONAL AGENDA, DATE AND VENUE OF THE SIXTH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT ASSEMBLY

The United Nations Environmental Assembly,

PP1 Recalling General Assembly resolutions 2997 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972, 66/288 of 27 July 2012, 67/213 of 21 December 2012, 67/251 of 13 March 2013, 68/215 of 20 December 2013, 69/223 of 19 December 2014, 71/231 of 21 December 2016 and 73/260 of 22 December 2018;

PP2 Recalling also General Assembly resolutions 47/202 A (para. 17) of 22 December 1992, 54/248 of 23 December 1999, 56/242 of 24 December 2001, 57/283 B (paras. 9-11 of section II) of 15 April 2003, 61/236 (para. 9 of section II A) of 22 December 2006, 62/225 (para. 9 of section II A) of 22 December 2007, 63/248 (para. 9 of section II A) of 24 December 2008, 64/230 (para. 9 of section II A) of 22 December 2009, 65/245 (para. 10 of section II A) of 24 December 2010, 67/237 (para. 13 of section II A) of 28 January 2013, 71/262 (para. 27 of section II and para. 102 of section V) of 23 December 2016, 73/270 (para. 29 of section II) of 22 December 2018;

PP3 Considering Governing Council decisions 27/1 and 27/2 of 22 February 2013, as well as United Nations Environment Assembly resolutions 1/2 of 27 June 2014 and 2/22 of 27 May 2016 and decision 3/2 of 6 December 2017;

PP4 Recognizing the importance of the implementation of paragraph 88 of the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development entitled “The future we want”, welcoming progress made, including the establishment of the United Nations Environment Assembly, and stressing the importance of continued action;

PP5 Emphasizing that improving the effectiveness and efficiency of the existing governing bodies of the United Nations Environment Programme plays an important role in delivering on the environmental dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

PP6 NEW Recalling Decision 5/3 of the United Nations Environment Assembly, in which, inter alia, the Assembly decided to adjourn the fifth session of the Assembly, and to resume the session by convening at its headquarters in Nairobi from 28 February to 2 March 2022 to conclude the consideration of its agenda;

(Secretariat proposal based on a proposal from ALG, EGY, COL, CRI)

PP7 NEW Recalling also Decision Ex/1 of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, as contained in document UNEP/CPR/155/8, entitled “Draft minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Environment Programme, held on 23 June 2021”, in which the Committee to the Environment Assembly at its resumed fifth session that it decide that, on an exceptional basis and without creating a precedent, its sixth session shall be held no earlier than February 2024 to ensure a full two-year term for the Presidency of the sixth session.
(Secretariat proposal based on a proposal from COL, MWI, MOR, EGY, ALG) (EU reserve)

1. *Decides* to hold the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly at its headquarters in Nairobi from **XX to XX February 202X**, in accordance with paragraph 3 of its decision 3/2 of 6 December 2017;

1. Bis Placeholder to take note of a possible decision of an Intergovernmental Review Meeting on the Implementation of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities (EU) (EGY Reserve) (MOR, COL, MWI seeks clarification on relevance)

2. *Also decides* that, in accordance with paragraph 10 of Governing Council decision 27/2 of 22 February 2013, the sixth meeting of the Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives will take place from **XX to XX February 202X**, without prejudice to decisions on further meetings of the Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives, and requests the Committee of Permanent Representatives to discuss, in consultation with the Bureau of the United Nations Environment Assembly, and decide on the format and agenda of the meeting;

3. *[Recalls* that the decision to hold the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly and the sixth meeting of the Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives shall be without prejudice to decision 2/22 that decided that the regular sessions of the United Nations Environment Assembly and the open-ended meetings of the Committee of Permanent Representatives shall be held in odd numbered years commencing with its third session in 2017;] **(MOR Del) (EU, DRC Keep)**

4. *Approves* the provisional agenda for the sixth session as follows:
 1. Opening of the session
 2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
 3. Credentials of representatives
 4. Report of the Committee of Permanent Representatives
 5. International environmental policy and governance issues
 6. Programme of work and budget, and other administrative and budgetary issues
 7. Stakeholder engagement
 8. Contributions to the meetings of the high-level political forum on sustainable development and implementation of the environmental dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
 9. High-level segment
 10. Provisional agenda, date and venue of the seventh session of the Environment Assembly
 11. Adoption of the resolutions, decisions and outcome document of the session
 12. Election of officers
 13. Other matters
 14. Adoption of the report
 15. Closure of the session
5. *Requests* the Committee of Permanent Representatives, in consultation with the Bureau of the United Nations Environment Assembly, to contribute to the preparation of the annotations to the provisional agenda set out in paragraph 4 above;
6. *Requests* the Bureau of the United Nations Environment Assembly, in consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives, to define a theme for the Environment Assembly no later than **X**;
7. *Strongly encourages* Member States to submit draft resolutions for consideration by the United Nations Environment Assembly at its sixth session preferably at least ten weeks in advance of the sixth meeting of the Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives, taking into account the theme of the sixth session of the Environment Assembly and the limited time and resources available for the negotiation of the resolutions during the sixth meeting of the Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives and the sixth session of the Environment Assembly, without prejudice to the rules of procedure, in particular rule 44;
8. *Endorses* the outcome of the stock-taking meeting for the Process for review by the Committee of Permanent Representatives, **as agreed at the 8th meeting of the annual subcommittee of the Committee of Permanent Representatives that took place 25 – 29 October.**
9. [*Welcomes* the action plan for the implementation of sub-paragraphs (a)-(h) of paragraph 88 of the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development and *notes* that the Executive Director will mainstream elements of the plan into future UNEP medium-term strategies and programmes of work which shall be closely monitored for impact.]
10. **NEW Decides to adjust the logo and visual identity of the United Nations Environment Programme, in accordance with option 1 in the background document¹ presented by the Secretariat at the Subcommittee meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives of 12 September 2019.**
(*proposal from the Secretariat*)

¹<https://wedocs.unep.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.11822/29755/Item%206%20Name%20%20Logo%20CPR%20note.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y>