

Joint meeting of the Bureaux of UN Environment Assembly and
Committee of Permanent Representatives
Friday, 14 January 2022
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Virtual

Draft Summary of the Joint Meeting of the Bureaux of the UN Environment Assembly and of the Committee of Permanent Representatives

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

1. The President of the Assembly, H.E. Mr. Espen Barth Eide, welcomed participants and opened the meeting. A list of meeting participants can be found in Annex 1.
2. The agenda of the meeting was adopted (available [here](#)).

Agenda Item 2: Consideration of the timing and format of UNEA-5 in view of COVID-19.

3. The President referred to the discussion at the subcommittee meeting on 13 January 2022, noting that the views had been more divided than initially perceived and that it no longer seems likely to reach the necessary majority in support for option 2 in the [Secretariat background document](#) – to postpone the resumed session of UNEA-5 and the special session on UNEP@50 until April 2022. He invited the Executive Director and Members of the Bureaux to share their thoughts and guidance on how to address this situation.
4. The Executive Director referred to the recent submission of a notification from the secretariat on the alteration of dates for these meetings to April 2022, in accordance with rule 3 of the Rules of Procedure, and noted that for the proposal to take effect, it would need active support in writing from a majority of Member States. She assessed that the proposal to reschedule will not receive the required support from a majority of the Member States, and pointed out that there were no other available dates on the multilateral environment calendar to which the meeting could be postponed, other than the ones that had been proposed. She also underlined the need to ensure clarity on the dates as soon as possible. On this basis, The Executive Director proposed to withdraw the secretariat's earlier notification on postponement, issued after the joint Bureau meeting on 11 January, to the effect that the resumed session of UNEA-5 and the special session UNEP@50 would be held on the original dates in February/March 2022. She also reaffirmed that that the secretariat would do its utmost to ensure successful events, regardless the choice of dates.
5. The Chair of the CPR briefly outlined the discussions at the meeting to the subcommittee meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives on 13 January and concurred with the assessment by the Executive Director
6. The representative from host country clarified that Kenya stands ready to host both events either on the original dates or any other dates that may be decided by the Member States.

7. Following a brief discussion, Bureau Members agreed to support the proposal by the Executive Director to withdraw the notification, to the effect that the dates for the resumed session of UNEA-5 and the special session on UNEP@50 would remain unchanged.

Agenda Item 3: Any Other Matters.

8. No other matters were raised.

Agenda Item 4: Closing of the Meeting.

9. The meeting closed at 17:00 (GMT+3).

ANNEX – DRAFT LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

NB This list will be cross-checked once the secretariat receives information about final participation

UNEA Bureau

H.E. Mr. Espen Barth Eide, UNEA President, Minister of Environment and Climate – Norway;

HE Kuster Ménager, Ambassador and Permanent Representative representing H.E. Ms. Bérangère ABBA, UNEA Vice President, Secretary of State for the Biodiversity - France;

H.E. Ambassador Dragan Zupanjevac, Ambassador and Permanent Representative representing H.E. Mrs. Irena Vujovic, Vice President and Minister of Environment – Serbia;

H.E. Ms. Giovanna Valverde, Ambassador and Permanent Representative representing H.E. Ms. Andrea Meza - Murillo, Vice President and Minister of Environment and Energy - Costa Rica;

H.E. Dr. Mohamed bin Mubarak Bin Daina, UNEA Vice President, Special Envoy for Climate Affairs and Chief Executive of the Supreme Council for Environment - Bahrain;

H.E. Mr. Reggy Nelson, UNEA Vice President, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Suriname;

H.E. Ms. Laksmi Dhewanthi, UNEA Vice President and Senior Advisor to the Minister of Environment and Forestry of Indonesia;

H.E. Mr. Erki Savisaar, Vice President, Minister Representative of Environment – Estonia;

H.E. Mr. Yago Lafarayiri Abdoul, First Counsellor representing H.E. Mr. Smaila Ouedraogo

Vice President and Change Minister of Environment, Green Economy and Climate Change - Burkina Faso;

Ms Shakira Parker, Director at the Department of Environmental Affairs representing Hon. Ms. Barbara Creecy, UNEA Rappporteur, Minister of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries - Republic of South Africa

CPR Bureau

H.E. Ms. Luísa Fragoso, Chair, Ambassador and Permanent Representative – Portugal;

H.E. Mr. Ado Lohmus, Vice Chair, Permanent Representative – Estonia;

H.E. Mr. Lino Leopold Santacruz, Deputy Permanent Representative of Mexico representing H.E. Mr. Erasmo Martínez, Vice Chair, Ambassador and Permanent Representative – Mexico;

H.E. Ambassador Selma Haddadi, Vice Chair, Ambassador and Permanent Representative – Algeria;