
Committee of Permanent Representatives
Bureau meeting
17 March 2025
10:00 – 12:00 (GMT +3)
Conference Room 9 (in person)
and Microsoft Teams (online)

Summary

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

1. His Excellency Firas Khouri, Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR), Ambassador of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to Kenya and Permanent Representative to UNEP, opened and chaired the meeting.
2. Ms. Inger Andersen, Executive Director of UNEP, delivered her opening remarks and briefed the Bureau on the United Nations liquidity challenges which might impact the organization of the seventh session of the Environment Assembly (UNEA-7). The Executive Director encouraged delegations to consider contributing to the UNEA-7 budget.
3. The [agenda](#) was adopted.

Agenda item 2: Preparations for the 169th meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.

4. The Secretariat provided an update on the status of preparations for the 169th meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, which is scheduled for Thursday, 20 March 2025.

Agenda item 3: Organization of work.

5. The Secretariat provided a briefing on the proposed organization of work of the Committee of Permanent Representatives based on the [roadmap for the UNEP Governing Bodies \(January – December 2025\)](#).

Agenda item 4: Other matters.

6. One bureau member reaffirmed the support of his Group on the role of the CPR to provide recommendations to improve efficiency; emphasized the need for a consensus-driven approach adding that those recommendations lacking consensus should be postponed or withdrawn; and stressed the role of the Chair in implementing the new working method of the Committee.
7. The Chair of the CPR recognized the need for a consensus-driven approach and emphasized that the proponents of recommendations should hold the necessary consultations with all interested delegations in advance of the consideration of the recommendations in the subcommittee meeting.

8. With regard to the request to the Secretariat to provide an update on the status of implementation of the recommendations of the Committee, the Executive Director explained the resource constraints and asked for Member States understanding.

Agenda item 5: Closing of the meeting.

9. The meeting closed at 10:40 (GMT+3).

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Annex: List of Participants

The Committee of Permanent Representatives Bureau Members:

H. E. Mr. Firas Khouri, Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, Ambassador of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to Kenya and Permanent Representative to UNEP.

H. E. Ms. Nicol Adamcová, Vice-Chair of the Committee, Ambassador of Czechia to Kenya and Permanent Representative to UNEP.

Mr. Jovan Bernard Reid, Rapporteur of the Committee and Deputy Head of Mission of the Permanent Mission of Barbados.

H. E. Mr. Wael Nasreldin Attiya, Vice Chair of the Committee, Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt to Kenya and Permanent Representative to UNEP, **represented by** Ms. Sara Elkhoully, third secretary of the Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt.

H. E. Mr. Arnaud Suquet, Vice Chair of the Committee, Ambassador of France to Kenya and Permanent Representative to UNEP, **represented by** Mr. Clément Payeur, Deputy Permanent Representative to UNEP.

Representative of the President of the United Nations Environment Assembly participating in an ex-officio capacity:

H. E. Ms. Nasra Salim Mohamed Al Hashmi, Ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman to Kenya and Permanent Representative to UNEP.

The UN Environment Program Secretariat was represented by:

Ms. Inger Andersen, Executive Director.

Mr. Nicolas Bertrand, Chief of Staff.

Ms. Radhika Ochalik, Secretary of Governing Bodies.

Mr. Gerhard Kreutzer, Legal Advisor