Committee of Permanent Representatives
Bureau meeting
9 June 2026
10:00 – 11:35 (GMT +3)
Conference Room 10 (in person)
and Microsoft Teams (online)

Draft summary

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

1. His Excellency Sultan Hajiyev, Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR) and Ambassador of Azerbaijan to Kenya and Permanent Representative to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), opened the meeting and welcomed the Bureau members, the Executive Director, and the Deputy Executive Director.

2. Ms. Inger Andersen, Executive Director of UNEP, delivered her opening remarks.

3. The agenda was adopted.

4. The Bureau members expressed their sincere condolences to the Ambassador of the Philippines and Vice-Chair of the Committee, and through her to the Government and people of the Philippines, for the loss of life and destruction caused by the recent earthquake.

5. The Bureau members also congratulated the Chair of the CPR on the successful convening of the World Urban Forum and World Environment Day, held in Baku, Azerbaijan.

Agenda item 2: Preparations for the 174th meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.

6. The Executive Director briefed on the preparations for the 174th meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to be held on 26 June 2026 from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, based on the provisional and annotated agenda. The Executive Director informed the Bureau that she will present her report covering UNEP activities from January to March 2026. She informed that no evaluation or audit reports were expected for consideration at the quarterly meeting. She further noted that the Committee would be invited to consider and adopt the report of the Chair on the main activities and outcomes of subcommittee meetings held after the 173rd meeting of the CPR, contained in document UNEP/CPR/174/5.

7. The Secretariat briefed the Bureau on the logistical and administrative arrangements for the 174th meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, including changes to the registration process.

Agenda item 3: Consideration of recommendation 1 of the 2025 report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the review of management and administration in UNEP.

8. The Secretariat briefed the Bureau on recommendation 1 of the 2025 report of the Joint Inspection Unit[1] (JIU) on the "Review of management and administration in the United Nations Environment Programme" and UNEA Decision 7/7 in which UNEA specifically requested the CPR to consider

[1] The United Nations Environment Assembly should, at its eighth session at the latest, clarify the mandate and role of the Committee of Permanent Representatives as its intersessional body and examine the frequency of its formal meetings, as appropriate.

recommendation of the report.[2]

9. The Secretariat presented the following documents related to recommendation 1 of the report of the JIU:
    - Note on the mandate of the CPR;
    - Note providing examples of how the CPR has exercised its mandate in practice; and
    - Note on the frequency of meetings of the CPR.

10. The Executive Director recalled the comprehensive review of the CPR (CPR-based review) undertaken from 2019 to 2021 pursuant to UNEA decision 4/2, which had considered a broad range of governance issues, including:
    a. The preparation, working arrangements, and scheduling of sessions of UNEA and the objectives, preparation, working arrangements and the scheduling of meetings of its subsidiary body, namely the meeting of the Open-ended CPR and the regular and annual meetings of the subcommittee of the CPR;
    b. The respective roles and responsibilities of the Bureau of UNEA and of the Bureau of the CPR, including those related to interactions with their respective constituencies;
    c. Criteria, modalities and timing for presenting and negotiating draft resolutions and decisions; and
    d. Monitoring and reporting on the implementation of the programme of work and budget and of the resolutions of UNEA.
    e. She then suggested Member States consider the work undertaken to date, with a view to considering the CPR-based review outcomes, actions taken since the CPR-based review and the focus specified in the JIU report on clarifying the existing mandate and examining the frequency of meetings. .

11. Bureau members made the following comments:
    a. Noted the interest among some Member States in engaging on the matter, while highlighting the importance of balancing implementation of UNEA decision 7/7 with resource considerations and the broader United Nations reform processes.
    b. Emphasized that consideration of recommendation 1 should build on work previously undertaken, including the CPR-based review (2019 to 2021) and the improvements implemented since then, with a view to minimising duplication and drawing on documentation, findings and lessons learned from that process.
    c. Supported raising awareness among CPR members on the CPR mandate, the CPR-based review process and possible options for moving forward, including through consultations with the regional groups in the first instance.
    d. Highlighted the need for a clearly defined scope of discussions and a Member States-driven, open, transparent and inclusive consultation process.
    e. Discussed the relationship between recommendation 1 of the JIU report and UNEA decision 7/7, noting the importance of clearly defining the scope and objectives of future discussions.

12. The Secretariat took note of the comments made by the Bureau members and recalled that the CPR-based review process had been supported by co-facilitators from Canada and Malawi.

13. The members of the Bureau agreed to:
    a. Work on a process to consult regional groups, including the potential development of guiding questions to focus discussions on: the process; clarifying the CPR's current mandate and whether there are opportunities to further strengthen effectiveness; and related resource considerations.
    b. Revert to the matter at a subsequent Bureau meeting following initial regional group

[2] Requests the Committee of Permanent Representatives to consider recommendation 1 of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the review of management and administration in UNEP, with a view to enhancing the oversight by Committee members of the management and administration of UNEP, and to prepare a recommendation for consideration at the eighth session of the Environment Assembly, taking into account decisions 167/1 and 171/1 of the Committee and the outcome of the stocktaking meeting for the process for review by the Committee of Permanent Representatives of the Environment Assembly and its subsidiary bodies, as endorsed in paragraph 1 of Assembly decision 5/4.

consultations, to support consideration at a future subcommittee meeting and the Committee at its quarterly meeting.

c. Requested the Secretariat to provide relevant background documentation, including information on the CPR-based review process and a proposed timeline for further consideration of the matter.

Agenda item 4: Organization of work.

14. The Secretariat presented the roadmap of upcoming meetings of the UNEP governing bodies, focusing on meetings until September 2026, and noted that meetings scheduled from October to December could still be adjusted due to room availability.

15. The Secretariat informed the Bureau that the upcoming joint UNEA and CPR Bureaux meeting would provide an opportunity to focus on lessons learned from UNEA-7, the draft provisional agenda and programme of work for the 13th annual subcommittee meeting (ASC) would be considered at the Bureau meeting scheduled for 25 June 2026, the subcommittee meeting on 15 October 2026 would include an update on the status of implementation of Joint Inspection Unit and Office of Internal Oversight Services recommendations; and the subcommittee meeting on 3 November would include an update from the Board of Auditors.

16. The Chair noted that the Secretariat would communicate any adjustments to the roadmap, including those resulting from room availability or other scheduling considerations, and that updates would be reflected on the CPR roadmap.

Agenda item 5: Other matters.

17. No other matters were raised.

Agenda item 6: Closing of the meeting.

18. The meeting closed at 11:35 (GMT+3).

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Annex: List of Participants

Committee of Permanent Representatives Bureau Members:

H. E. Mr. Sultan Hajiyev, Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, Ambassador of Azerbaijan to Kenya, and Permanent Representative to UNEP.

H. E. Ms. Marie Charlotte G. Tang, Vice-Chair of the Committee, Ambassador of the Philippines to Kenya and Permanent Representative to UNEP.

H. E. Mr. Anouar Ben Youssef, Vice Chair of the Committee, Ambassador of Tunisia to Kenya, and Permanent Representative to UNEP.

H. E. Mrs. Romy Sonia Tincopa Grados, Vice Chair, Ambassador of Peru to Kenya and Permanent Representative to UNEP.

H. E. Ms. Jenny Da Rin, Rapporteur of the Committee and High Commissioner and Permanent Representative of Australia to UNEP.

The UN Environment Program Secretariat was represented by:
Ms. Inger Andersen, Executive Director.
Ms. Elisabeth Mrema, Deputy Executive Director
Mr. Nicolas Bertrand, Chief of Staff.
Ms. Radhika Ochalik, Secretary of Governing Bodies.
Mr. Stadler Trengove, Principal Legal Advisor.