

Committee of Permanent Representatives
Subcommittee Meeting
Thursday, 13 October 2022
14:00 – 17:00 (GMT+3)
Hybrid Meeting
Conference Room 2

MEETING SUMMARY

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

1. H.E. Mr. Erasmo Roberto Martínez, Vice Chair, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Mexico, opened the meeting.
2. The meeting [agenda](#) was adopted.

Agenda Item 2: Secretariat briefing on the implementation of UNEA resolution 5/12 on environmental aspects of minerals and metals management.

3. The Secretariat delivered a [presentation](#) on the implementation of UNEA resolution 5/12 on environmental aspects of minerals and metals management followed by an exchange of views with Member States and Stakeholders.
4. Delegations that took the floor provided the following comments:
 - a. Requested information on the dedicated website and methodology to ensure stakeholder engagement.
 - b. Some delegations highlighted the importance of circular economy approaches and health management when considering environmental aspects of minerals and metals, while others underlined the need to stay with maintain the mandate of the resolution which does not mention circular economy and health in its operative paragraphs.
 - c. Requested clarification on existing stock-taking activities particularly in relation to the report under paragraph 5 of the resolution on knowledge gaps and asked for a timeline.
 - d. Some delegations stressed the need for the implementation process to consider a fair and inclusive energy transition and added value at the local level which also promote opportunities to indigenous peoples.
 - e. Requested additional information on the intergovernmental consultation and on the process to nominate co-chairs by Member States.
 - f. Called for transparency and inclusiveness in the decision-making process and mindfulness regarding the challenges and needs of developing Member States.
 - g. Requested opportunities for national focal points to engage on questions, discussions, and exchanges in advance of the consultations.
 - h. Sought clarity on the type of organisations and stakeholders expected to be invited to participate in the intergovernmental regional consultations and the global intergovernmental meeting.
 - i. Asked for further clarification on the implementation of paragraph 1 on encouraging member states to align their mining practices and investments in mining with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and with their obligations and decisions under multilateral environmental agreements.

5. The Secretariat provided the following comments and remarks:
 - a. Regarding the website and methodology being used, the Secretariat stated that it is planning to use the same approach as for the implementation of UNEA resolution 4/19, and that the same format will also be used for written contributions from stakeholders.
 - b. The report to UNEA-6 is expected to be made available in October/November 2023. Additionally, several background documents will be prepared as the basis for intergovernmental consultations. Regarding the stock-taking activities, dedicated webinars will be organized.
 - c. Regarding the nomination of co-chairs, the Secretariat clarified stated no nominations had been received yet and encouraged Member States to submit any nominations before the deadline of 31 October.
 - d. Confirmed that efforts are undertaken to ensure transparency and inclusiveness in the decision-making process, taking into account the special needs of Member States.
 - e. Reminded delegations that regional intergovernmental meetings are tentatively scheduled in January and May 2023, and that the ensuing global intergovernmental consultations are scheduled for September 2023, and that national focal points will be invited to provide comments and feedback in advance.
 - f. Noted that the representation of different stakeholders in the context of the resolution is guided by the references which are included in the resolution, and that UNEA Rules of Procedure will be applied.
 - g. Regarding the implementation of paragraph 1 in the resolution, which is addressed to Member States, the Secretariat intends to consolidate the experiences shared by Member States and stakeholders during the intergovernmental consultations, for the benefit of all Member States.

Agenda Item 3: Other matters.

6. No other matters were raised.

Agenda Item 4: Closing of the meeting.

7. The meeting closed at 3:15 p.m.