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Committee of Permanent Representatives
Second meeting of 2026**
Nairobi, 3 March 2026
15:10 – 16:50 (GMT+3)
Conference Room 4 (in person) and
Microsoft Teams (online)

Chair's summary of the second subcommittee meeting of 2026

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

1. H. E. Ms. Marie Charlotte Tang, Vice Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR), Ambassador of the Philippines to Kenya and Permanent Representative to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), opened and chaired the meeting.
2. The [agenda](#) was adopted.

Agenda item 2: Contribution of the United Nations Environment Assembly to the High-level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development.

3. The Chair recalled that the 2026 high-level political forum on sustainable development (HLPF), to be held from 6 to 15 July 2026 in New York under the theme “Transformative, equitable, innovative and coordinated actions for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals for a sustainable future for all”, will review in-depth Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 6, 7, 9, 11 and 17.
4. The Chair also recalled that pursuant to [UNEA resolution 3/3](#), the Secretariat prepared the zero draft of UNEA's contribution to the HLPF under the guidance of the President of UNEA, which was circulated on 26 January 2026 for delegations' written comments by 6 February 2026. Based on the inputs received, a revised draft contribution was prepared by the Secretariat under the guidance of the UNEA President and was subsequently circulated on 20 February 2026 for consultation and consideration at the Subcommittee meeting of 3 March 2026 and for written inputs to be submitted by 4 March 2026.
5. The President of the eighth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-8), H. E. Mr. Matthew Samuda, Minister of Water, Environment and Climate Change of Jamaica, presented the [revised draft of UNEA's contribution to the 2026 HLPF](#).
6. Delegations¹ welcomed the presentation and provided the following comments in summary:

¹ Türkiye, Brazil, Saudi Arabia, Ethiopia, European Union, Egypt, Russian Federation, China, Costa Rica, Peru, Mexico, Japan, Colombia, Australia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Switzerland, Philippines, Argentina, Norway.

On the process, a number of delegations:

- a. Highlighted the importance of clarity on the process for the finalization of the input.
- b. Raised questions about the process and sought clarification if the revised document would be put under a silence procedure.
- c. Underscored the need for sufficient time and space for consultation.
- d. Noted that the document was not to be negotiated.
- e. Concurred with the approach and timeline outlined by the UNEA President.
- f. One delegation suggested that the document could indicate clearly that no negotiation took place in its preparation.

On the revised draft, a number of delegations:

- g. Emphasized the importance of submitting UNEA contributions to the HLPF.
 - h. Underscored the importance of avoiding terminology that had not been previously agreed.
 - i. Highlighted that the contribution should be based on the outcomes of UNEA in a balanced manner.
 - j. Reaffirmed the importance of maintaining balance among the environmental, economic, and social pillars of the SDGs, while enhancing the environmental dimension.
 - k. Noted the importance of adequately reflecting challenges faced by developing countries across the SDGs under review.
 - l. Informed that detailed comments on the revised draft would be submitted in writing.
7. In response, the Secretariat thanked delegations for their comments and provided the following clarifications:
- a. Reiterated that the draft was prepared pursuant to [UNEA resolution 3/3](#) under the guidance of the President of UNEA.
 - b. Advised that, in accordance with that resolution, as recalled by the President of UNEA during UNEA-7, the CPR was tasked to consult and consider the draft contribution, as prepared by the Secretariat under the guidance of the President of UNEA.
 - c. Noted that the document was intended as a concise contribution responding to the questions posed by the President of ECOSOC regarding the SDGs under review.
 - d. Confirmed that further written inputs would be taken into account by the President of UNEA in the finalization of the document.
 - e. Emphasized that the draft was not intended to introduce new language but rather to synthesize previously agreed UNEA outcomes and ministerial declarations relevant to the SDGs under review.
 - f. Clarified that the document sought to streamline existing language and existing UNEA's contributions in a manner responsive to the HLPF theme.
8. Some delegations expressed a different reading of the process and the involvement of the CPR therein.
9. The President of UNEA thanked delegations for their constructive comments; clarified that the deadline for UNEA's input to the HLPF was 2 March 2026 but an extension till 9 March 2026 has been provided by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs adding that there was not much time left to finalize the document; stressed that he would faithfully reflect the resolutions and ministerial declarations of UNEA in the document, taking into account the suggestion of a delegation to indicate that the submission had not been negotiated; and that the final document will be submitted to the President of ECOSOC by 9 March 2026.
10. The Chair concluded the discussion by noting that the President will finalize the inputs, taking into account the comments made during the meeting as well as written submissions provided by delegations. The Chair noted that the finalized contribution would be submitted to the President of the Economic and Social Council by 9 March 2026. The Chair also noted the suggestion by a representative to indicate that the contribution had not been negotiated would be taken into consideration by the President.

Agenda item 3: Other matters.

11. No other matters were raised.

Agenda item 4: Closing of the meeting.

12. The meeting closed at 16:50 (GMT+3).