

Committee of Permanent Representatives
Bureau Meeting
Thursday, 26 May 2022
9:00 – 9:45 a.m.
Conference Room 9, United Nations Office in Gigiri
Hybrid Meeting

MEETING SUMMARY

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

1. H.E. Mr. Pirkka Tapiola, Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, Ambassador of Finland to Kenya and Permanent Representative to UNEP, opened the meeting.
2. Ms. Inger Andersen, Executive Director of UNEP, welcomed all meeting participants and expressed that she was looking forward to the 158th meeting of the CPR taking place immediately after the bureau meeting.
3. The meeting [agenda](#) was adopted.

Agenda Item 2: Preparations for the 158th meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives

4. The Chair briefly recapitulated the agenda of the 158th meeting of the CPR and informed that Sweden had requested an early intervention under the agenda item on Stockholm+50, hence this agenda item would be addressed immediately after the lunch break at 3 pm.
5. The Chair highlighted that Ukraine had indicated that they would ask for the floor under agenda item 4 to report on the effects of the armed conflict in Ukraine on the environment. With regards to the UNEA 5 assessment and lessons learned, the Chair acknowledged the extensive consultations which the Committee had carried out in the past months, and expressed his intention to recommend the Committee to endorse the document. The Members of the Bureau agreed with this recommendation.

Agenda Item 3: Organization of work

6. The secretariat informed that the upcoming subcommittee meetings are scheduled for 9 June, 7 July and 14 July, at which the UNEP's programme performance review 2020-2021 would be considered. The secretariat also informed the Bureau that the date for the 160th meeting of the CPR had been moved to 8 December 2022. Regarding the planning of a joint retreat of the UNEA and CPR Bureau, the secretariat informed the Bureau that the date was still under discussion, to be planned between October and November 2022, either in Nairobi or in Morocco.
7. One of the Bureau members requested more information on the choice of venue and possibility for travel support by Bureau members for joint retreat meetings.
8. The secretariat informed that according to established practice, there are 2 retreats per each 2-year cycle of UNEA, one in Nairobi and one in the country of the hosting presidency. The accommodation and facilities cost when organized in the country of the hosting presidency is usually covered by the hosting country, and, subject to the availability of resources, the Secretariat would provide travel support for Bureau Members from developing countries. In the eventuality of some delegates being unable to travel to Nairobi or Morocco, there will be a possibility to participate online.

Agenda Item 4: Other matters.

9. One delegation noted that the Eastern European Group had yet to nominate a representative for the Bureau of the open-ended working group established to prepare the INC on plastic pollution.

Agenda Item 6: Closing of the meeting.

10. The meeting closed at 9:35 am.
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Annex: List of Participants

The Committee of Permanent Representatives Bureau Members:

H.E. Mr. Pirkka Tapiola, Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, Ambassador of Finland to Kenya and Permanent Representative to UNEP

H.E. Mrs. Selma Malika Haddadi, Ambassador of Algeria to Kenya and Permanent Representative to UNEP, Vice Chair of the CPR.

H.E. Mr. Erasmo Roberto Martínez, Ambassador of Mexico to Kenya and Permanent Representative to UNEP, Vice Chair of the CPR.

H.E. Mrs. Katarina Leligdonova, Ambassador of Slovakia to Kenya and Permanent Representative to UNEP.

The UN Environment Program Secretariat was Represented by:

Ms. Inger Andersen, Executive Director.

Ms. Sonja Leighton-Kone, Acting Deputy Executive Director.

Mr. Rafael Peralta, Chief of Staff.

Mr. Ulf Björnholm, Deputy Secretary of Governing Bodies.

Mr. Stadler Trengrove, Legal Advisor.