
172nd Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives
24 November 2025
10:10 – 12:10 (GMT+3)
Conference Room 2 and Interactio Platform
Hybrid meeting

Chair's Summary

Note: This Chair's summary complements the detailed meeting report prepared by the UN Office at Nairobi in advance for the adoption at the next meeting of the Committee. All pre-meeting and post-meeting documents, including statements provided in writing by Member States, are available [here](#).

Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting by the Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.

1. H. E. Mr. Sultan Hajiyeve, Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR), Ambassador of Azerbaijan to Kenya and Permanent Representative to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), opened the 172nd meeting of the CPR on 24 November 2025 at 10:10 (GMT+3).

Agenda item 2: Adoption of the provisional agenda of the 172nd meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.

2. The Committee adopted the provisional agenda of the 172nd meeting of the CPR, as set out in [UNEP/CPR/172/1](#).

Agenda item 3: Adoption of the draft minutes of the 171st meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.

3. The Committee adopted the draft minutes of the 171st meeting of the CPR, as set out in [UNEP/CPR/171/L.1](#).

Agenda item 4: Consideration of relevant evaluation reports and audits.

4. There were no new audits or evaluation reports submitted for consideration at this meeting.

Agenda item 5: Preparations for the seventh session of the United Nations Environment Assembly.

5. The Secretariat provided an [update](#) on the preparation for the seventh session of the United Nations Environmental Assembly (UNEA-7). The briefing was delivered in three segments:
 - i. General logistical arrangements;
 - ii. Preparations for the seventh session of the Open-ended CPR; and
 - iii. Preparations for UNEA-7.
6. The Executive Director of UNEP, Ms. Inger Andersen, informed the Committee that a total of USD 1,321,315 had been mobilized for UNEA-7 through the generous contributions of fifteen donors¹.
7. Delegations² welcomed the presentation and provided the following comments:

General Logistical Arrangements

¹ Australia, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Luxembourg, Monaco, Oman, the Philippines, Sweden, Switzerland, the European Commission, and the European Investment Bank.

² Denmark, France, Colombia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Mexico, Norway, India and Children and Youth Major Group.

- a. Requested further clarification on the status of associated events, including access to a complete list, timing, and participant information.
- b. Stressed the need to maintain high ambition and uphold consensus on using the best available science; and underscored that outcomes of UNEA-7 will guide action during the final phase of the [Decade of Action](#).
- c. Sought additional information on events related to Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs).
- d. Requested clarity on associated side events, noting the absence of concept notes, and in particular about the launch of the [Independent Panel on Evidence for Action against Antimicrobial Resistance](#) (IPEA).
- e. Emphasized the need for associated side events to remain strictly informational given ongoing discussions on AMR structures and the pending written-submission deadline.

Preparations for the seventh session of the Open-Ended CPR

- f. Raised concern about informal consultations taking place in parallel to the working groups due to small delegation size and requested that such overlaps be avoided.
- g. Recommended that late evening meetings beyond 10:00 p.m. be avoided to allow delegations sufficient rest between meetings.

Preparations for UNEA-7

- h. Thanked the Executive Director and the Secretariat for the broad and inclusive process that has taken place in preparation for UNEA-7 and, stressed the importance of maintaining high-level of ambition and upholding consensus based on best available science. Member States were invited to (i) support the draft resolutions under consideration, including the draft resolutions on strengthening global cooperation on fire management and on enhancing UNEP's role in Nairobi; (ii) note the significance of UNEA approving the Medium-Term Strategy (MTS); and (iii) the thanked the authors of the Global Environment Outlook (GEO-7).
8. In response, the Secretariat thanked delegations for their comments and provided the following clarifications:

General Logistical Arrangements

- a. Clarified that side events, such as the IPEA event, provides an opportunity for Member States and participants involved to exchange views and information on AMR-related issues, while acknowledging that structural decisions remain under negotiation.
- b. Noted the momentum on AMR, including the recent conference in Saudi Arabia and the upcoming meetings.
- c. Clarified that full listing of official side events, associated events, MEA exhibitions, and Green Room activities are available under "[Programmes and Events](#)" on the UNEA-7 website, and that detailed descriptions are being populated as organizers provide information.

Preparations for the Open-Ended CPR

- a. Noted the [proposed guidance on the organization of work of the OECPR-7](#) as endorsed by the CPR Bureau at [its meeting held on 18 November](#) 2025, and encouraged Member States to review the guidance and engage with the Secretariat as needed.

- b. Clarified that, according to the guidance, informal consultations will generally be scheduled during breaks to prevent conflicting with the working groups, and that late-night meetings will be held at the discretion of co-facilitators and delegations.
- c. Noted that meeting rooms and facilities will be available for the co-facilitators and Member States who wish to hold negotiation beyond 10:00 p.m.

Agenda item 6: Report of the subcommittee.

- 9. The Committee endorsed the draft report of the Subcommittee of the Committee of Permanent Representatives as contained in document [UNEP/CPR/172/3](#).

Agenda item 7: Any other business.

- 10. The Committee took note of the invitations for associated events to be held during the OECPR-7/UNEA-7 week, including:
 - i. A dinner reception hosted by China on 10 December 2025 under the theme “*Enhancing Global Environmental Governance for a Clean and Beautiful World*”, to be held at the Mission of China to UNEP; and
 - ii. A high-level event organized by Norway on 12 December 2025, entitled “[Towards Greater Alignment through the Plastic Value Chain](#).”

Agenda item 8: Closing of the meeting.

- 11. The meeting closed at 12:10 (GMT+3).