

Guidance for the organization of work of the OECPR-7

Working structure

1. The Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives (OECPR) will establish two working groups, operating under the authority of the OECPR and the guidance of its Chair.
2. Draft resolutions and decisions submitted to the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) have been organized into four clusters. Each cluster is led by co-facilitators appointed jointly by the President of UNEA and the Chair of the CPR.
3. The two working groups will conduct their work through the [four clusters](#), with each working group responsible for two clusters: Working Group 1: Clusters A and C; Working Group 2: Clusters B and D.
4. No more than two working groups will meet in parallel.
5. Clusters A and B will meet in parallel, as will Clusters C and D.
6. The co-facilitators will report on the outcomes of the working groups to the stock take plenary of the OECPR, scheduled for the morning of **Wednesday, 3 December**, and the closing plenary scheduled for the afternoon of **Friday, 5 December**.

Documentation and basis for negotiations for the PPs & the Ops

7. **Basis for negotiation:** All draft resolutions and decisions submitted to the seventh session of UNEA will be edited and issued in English as “**L**” documents of the OECPR. These drafts, containing textual proposals without attribution, will serve as the basis for textual negotiations.
8. **Intersessional period:** All drafts, with the exception of L.12¹, L.18², L.19³ and L.20⁴ have already undergone a first paragraph-by-paragraph reading of the preambular and operative paragraphs during the intersessional period.
9. **Preambular paragraphs:** During the first reading of the draft resolutions, delegations requested streamlined preambular paragraphs. In response, the co-facilitators were tasked by the CPR subcommittee to work with proponents and Member States to develop streamlined preambular paragraphs, which will be shared before the start of the OECPR as **non-papers**. At the start of the OECPR, the Committee is expected to use the non-papers as the basis for negotiations on the preambular paragraphs of the respective drafts. As per the [guidance to Member States on the submission of draft resolutions and decisions for UNEA 7](#), delegations are strongly encouraged to **limit the number of preambular paragraphs to a maximum of six**. Co-facilitators may also propose streamlined text (PPS and OPs) during the OECPR, as appropriate.

¹ Sound management of chemicals and waste.

² Strengthening the role of the United Nations Environment Programme Headquarters in Nairobi to address environmental challenges and enhance multilateral cooperation to address effective multilateral governance.

³ Mother Earth-Centric actions for living well in balance and harmony with Mother Earth.

⁴ Maximizing existing resources through enhanced coherence and synergies in multilateral environmental agreements and implementation.

Conduct of negotiations

10. **Format and language:** Negotiations will take place **in person and in English**. Delegations are advised to be present in the room during negotiations.
11. **Operative paragraphs:** Negotiations shall begin with the operative paragraphs of each draft resolution or decision.
12. **Real-time submissions:** There will be no call for written submissions. Negotiations will take place in the room and in real time, with delegations invited to present proposals directly in the working groups.
13. **Review of drafts:**
14. **Merging/Withdrawal:** Any merging or withdrawal of draft resolutions or decisions may be announced either in the working groups or during the plenary meetings of the OECPR.

Role of co-facilitators

16. Co-facilitators are appointed to guide negotiations within each thematic cluster. They are central to the substantive progress of discussions. Their primary duties include:
 - **Facilitating convergence:** Actively steering negotiations towards convergence and, where appropriate, building consensus.
 - **Proposing compromise drafts:** Offering compromise drafts to resolve deadlocks and advance discussions on contentious issues.
 - **Reviewing/streamlining terminology:** Coordinating on language and where necessary seek legal advice to ensure consistency in the use of agreed concepts and definitions across all resolutions, with the support of the Secretariat.
 - **Managing schedules and time allocations: proposing time allocations** for each draft resolution to ensure balanced progress across all clusters, in consultation with the Secretariat.
 - **Convening informal consultations:** Organizing informal consultations or other types of arrangements as needed to address specific or challenging issues in smaller, more focused settings.
 - **Overseeing merging/withdrawal:** Managing the formal process for any merging or withdrawal of draft resolutions within their assigned cluster.

Meeting arrangements and schedule

17. **Daily schedule:** Working group meetings are allocated three sessions: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., 3 to 6 p.m. and 7 to 10 p.m. Working groups could continue their work beyond 10 p.m on an exceptional basis and as agreed by consensus by delegations in the meeting room.
18. **Extended hours:** By default, rooms and logistical support will be made available for co-facilitators and delegations to continue work beyond 10 p.m. if agreed by consensus by delegations in the meeting room.
19. **Time allocation:** The [schedule for Days 1 and 2](#) has been published on the OECPR website. The **order in which drafts will be considered** within each Cluster will be available on the UNEA-7 website under “[Programme](#)” as well as on the UNEA App. The **proposed organization of work for Days 3 to 5** will be presented at the stocktaking

plenary on Wednesday, 3 December 2025, and will take into account the status of progress made under each cluster.

20. **Respect for time allocation:** Co-facilitators will propose time allocation for each draft resolution and decision to enable balanced progress across all clusters.

Informal informal consultations

21. **Authority to convene:** Co-facilitators may convene additional ad hoc informal informal consultations, including with specific groups of delegations or proponent, as needed.
22. **Timing of consultations:** These consultations **should be held during breaks** whenever possible.
23. **Announcements of informal informal consultations:** The Secretariat will announce these consultations in a timely manner through the UNEA App and reflect them on the UNEA 7 website under "[Programme](#)".
24. **Outcomes and reporting:** Any outcomes from these consultations will be **distributed as non-papers through the e-proposals** module and formally reported back to the relevant working group.

Reporting and transmittal of draft resolutions and decisions to UNEA

25. **Deadline:** The working groups will continue their work until Friday, 5 December, with the aim of reaching consensus on all drafts before the conclusion of the OECPR.
26. **Reporting:** Co-facilitators will report back to the plenary on the outcomes of the working groups during the morning plenary on **Wednesday, 3 December**, and at the closing plenary on **Friday, 5 December** in the afternoon.
27. **Outcomes of the OECPR:** The outcomes of the OECPR will be transmitted to UNEA for its consideration.

Access to documents and Co-sponsorship

28. **Access:** All iterations of the draft resolutions and decisions will be available on the **e-Proposals module**. Delegates requiring access should contact their delegation's e-delegates administrator or the Secretariat.
29. **Co-sponsorship:** Member States may co-sponsor a proposal directly on the e-Proposals module by selecting the relevant draft and clicking the "Co-sponsor" button. Co-sponsorship will remain open until the draft is officially adopted.