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Report of the subcommittee

Draft recommendations proposed by members of the Committee of Permanent Representatives at its subcommittee meetings for consideration by the Committee at its 170th meeting

The Committee of Permanent Representatives,

Recalling paragraph 2 of its decision 167/2 on improving the identification, formulation and recording of decisions and conclusions of the Committee,

Noting the discussions of the subcommittee of the Committee at its meetings on 23 January, 20 February, 27 February, 13 March and 18 March 2025;

(a) Review of thematic programmes of the United Nations Environment Programme[1]

1. *Takes note of* the United Nations Environment Programme's efforts on technical support and capacity building programmes for developing countries, and requests the secretariat to present to the Committee at the next quarterly meeting possible options for scaling up resource mobilization to further these efforts in areas such as employing digital solutions for increased transparency, with the aim of enhancing data collection and analysis processes and preparing relevant reports at the national levels, for consideration by the Committee in the context of preparations for the United Nations Environment Assembly in full respect of the mandate of the United Nations Environment Programme*;*

2. *Requests* the Secretariat, in future briefings, to give equal attention to all thematic programmes and to provide all relevant information, including on the budgets available, in a balanced and consistent manner;

3. *Requests* the Secretariat to provide a presentation on the work of the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN) on capacity building, technology, and technology transfer;

(b) Land degradation portfolio of the United Nations Environment Programme[2]

4. *Recommends* the Secretariat, in line with UNEA resolution 6/14, address Member States' demands for effective action to tackle desertification, drought, and land degradation, and mitigate their effects, including by facilitating the mobilization of resources in accordance with UNEA resolution 6/14, and to

* UNEP/CPR/170/1.

[1] Highlights of the discussions under agenda item 2, on review of United Nations Environment Programme thematic programmes, at the subcommittee meetings held on 10 September 2024, 23 January, 13 March 2025 and 18 March can be found, respectively, in the Chair's summary, Chair's summary and Chair's summary and Chair's summary of those meetings.

[2] Highlights of the discussions under agenda item 3, on a briefing on the land degradation portfolio of the United Nations Environment Programme, at the subcommittee meeting held on 20 February 2025 and 18 March 2025 can be found in the Chair's summary and Chair's summary of those meetings.

present options to the CPR for Member States' consideration on enhancing the relevant UNEP portfolio on desertification, drought, and land degradation by mainstreaming and emphasizing the issues of desertification and drought into the UNEP Medium-Term Strategy 2026-2029 and related programmes of work and budget, avoiding duplication with the work of relevant MEAs, including the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification ;

(c) Organization of work[3]

5. *Recalls* the guidance on the organization of work for the Committee of Permanent Representatives endorsed by the Committee at its resumed 162nd meeting, on 31 October 2023, in particular paragraphs 4 and 5 setting out the requirement that documents be made available no later than 15 working days before the quarterly meetings of the Committee and 7 working days before subcommittee meetings, and recommends that, in accordance with that guidance, consideration of relevant agenda items be postponed to subsequent meetings when documents are not made available within the mentioned time frames.[4]

[3] Highlights of the discussions under agenda item 6, on other matters, at the subcommittee meeting held on 27 February 2025 and 18 March 2025 can be found in the Chair's summary and Chair's summary of those meetings.
[4] See document UNEP/CPR/162/7/Rev.1.