

Committee of Permanent Representatives
Bureau meeting
3 December 2025
19:00 – 20:00 (GMT +3)
Conference Room 9 (in person)

Summary

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

1. His Excellency Sultan Hajiyeu, Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR) and Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), opened the meeting and welcomed the facilitators of the draft resolutions and decisions of the seventh session of the Environment Assembly (UNEA-7), who attended as observers.
2. Ms. Inger Andersen, Executive Director of UNEP, appreciated the work of the CPR Bureau and the co-facilitators in the preparations for UNEA-7.
3. The meeting [agenda](#) was adopted.

Agenda item 2: Preparations for/stock-taking of progress made at the seventh session of the Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives.

Stock-taking of progress made at OECPR-7

4. The Chair of the CPR invited the co-facilitators of each cluster to update the Bureau on progress made during the three days of OECPR-7.
5. The facilitator of Cluster A highlighted that progress was driven by several factors, including the significant reduction of operative paragraphs (Ops) by proponents to focus on essential content, the use of informal-informal consultations to accelerate negotiations, support from friends of the co-facilitators in breaking deadlocks on selected draft resolutions, and the establishment of cross-cutting discussions to address shared issues. These developments have collectively improved both efficiency and optimism.
6. The facilitator of Cluster B highlighted the preparation of a non-paper with consolidated language, and proponents were asked to consult among themselves.
7. The facilitator of Cluster D updated on the decision on the provisional agenda, dates, and venue of UNEA-8, highlighted that most Member States leaned toward December 2027 for OECPR and UNEA-8 dates, while a proposal for a statutory paragraph setting the dates of UNEA in February of odd years starting in 2029 received broad support, aligning with former Governing Council practice. On the draft resolution submitted by Mexico entitled

“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,” generated strong interest and differing views, but all OPs were read with alternatives identified; informal-informal consultations will be held, and co-facilitators may present a streamlined text if no agreement emerges.

Organization of work

8. One Bureau member highlighted that no delegation should be able to block or veto discussions on draft resolutions, expressed concern over attempts earlier in the week to prevent discussions, but noted that bilateral and small-group consultations are helping to make progress.
9. The Ex officio Bureau member cautioned that construction at the UNON compound should be considered when selecting dates for UNEA-8 and suggested May or December as more suitable dates.
10. The Executive Director reassured that construction will not impede UNEA-8 operations and that the Secretariat will ensure full access regardless of the chosen dates.

Agenda item 3: Other matters

11. One Bureau member requested an update on the informal consultations on the draft ministerial declaration scheduled for 4 December 2025.
12. The Ex-officio Bureau member reported broad support for the draft ministerial declaration as currently balanced and noted that the next meeting is only for delegations to express their read lines.

Closing of the meeting

13. The meeting closed at 7:30 p.m.

Annex: List of Participants

The Committee of Permanent Representatives Bureau Members:

H. E. Mr. Sultan Hajiyeu, Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, Ambassador of Azerbaijan to Kenya, and Permanent Representative to UNEP.

H. E. Ms. Marie Charlotte G. Tang, Vice-Chair of the Committee, Ambassador of the Philippines to Kenya and Permanent Representative to UNEP.

H. E. Mr. Anouar Ben Youssef, Vice Chair of the Committee, Ambassador of Tunisia to Kenya, and Permanent Representative to UNEP, **represented by** Mr. Sofiene Dridi, Deputy Permanent Representative of Tunisia to UNEP.

H. E. Mrs. Romy Sonia Tincopa Grados, Vice Chair, Ambassador of Peru to Kenya and Permanent Representative to UNEP.

H. E. Ms. Jenny Da Rin, Rapporteur of the Committee and High Commissioner and Permanent Representative of Australia to UNEP.

The UN Environment Program Secretariat was represented by:

Ms. Inger Andersen, Executive Director.

Ms. Elizabeth Mrema, Deputy Executive Director.

Ms. Radhika Ochalik, Secretary of Governing Bodies.

Mr. Stadler Trengove, Principal Legal Advisor.

Co-facilitators as observers:

From the African States Group:

Ms. Sara Elkhoully of Egypt; and

Mr. Tobias Ogweno of Kenya.

From the Asia-Pacific States Group:

Ms. Kanako Okano of Japan.