
Joint Bureaux of the United Nations Environment Assembly
and the Committee of Permanent Representatives
27 November 2025, 17:00 – 19:00 (GMT+3)
Online Meeting – Microsoft Teams

Summary

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

1. H. E. Mr. Abdullah Bin Ali Al-Amri, President of the seventh session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-7) and President of the Environment Authority of Oman, welcomed the participants and opened the meeting, followed by opening remarks by H. E. Mr. Sultan Hajiyeve, Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR), Ambassador of Azerbaijan to Kenya and Permanent Representative to UNEP, and Ms. Inger Andersen, Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). The meeting was co-chaired by the President of UNEA and the Chair of the CPR. A list of participants is provided in Annex 1.
2. The meeting [agenda](#) was adopted.

Agenda item 2: Update on the consultations on the draft ministerial declaration

3. The President of UNEA informed the meeting that the [final revised draft of the ministerial declaration](#) had been circulated to the Bureaux members on 27 November 2025, which took into account comments received at the fourth intergovernmental consultation on the ministerial declaration, held on 5 November 2025, as well as the three informal consultations held on 13, 20 and 25 November 2025. The President also informed the Bureaux that he will convene an informal consultation in the margins of the Open-ended CPR on Thursday, 4 December, from 18:00 to 19:00 in Conference room 2. The purpose of this informal consultation will be to provide delegations with an opportunity to express their support for the revised final draft or, if necessary, to identify any remaining red lines.
4. H. E. Mr. Peter Maddens, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Belgium to UNEP, and H. E. Ms. Romy Tincopa, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Peru to UNEP, in their capacity as co-facilitators of the draft ministerial declaration, noted the flexibility and constructive spirit shown by delegations during the informal consultations, and emphasized the need to maintain balance in the final revised draft, particularly between ambition and means of implementation, and urged that sensitive issues, such as water, circular economy, just transition, and references to Indigenous Peoples, and Local Communities be approached with language that reflects current realities. The co-facilitators affirmed that the final revised draft reflected collective engagement and represented significant progress toward a balanced and acceptable ministerial declaration.
5. The Bureaux members expressed appreciation for the leadership of the Presidency and the co-facilitators, noted the strong sense of ownership among Member States toward the revised final draft.

6. One Bureau member informed the meeting that it had been selected to host the 32nd session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 32) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in 2027 and requested the inclusion of Ethiopia's successful hosting of the Second African Climate Summit in September 2025 in the draft ministerial declaration.
7. The President of UNEA encouraged members of the two Bureaux to continue collaborating on the ministerial declaration, socializing this final revised draft within their regional groups ahead of the informal consultations scheduled for 4 December 2025.

Agenda item 3: Update on the preparations for the seventh session of the Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives (OECPR-7)

8. The Chair of the CPR updated the Bureaux on the status of the draft resolutions and decisions as follows:
 - a. In accordance with the Bureaux's agreed organization of work, an in-depth paragraph-by-paragraph reading of 14 draft resolutions was conducted from 6 to 14 November under the guidance of the appointed co-facilitators;
 - b. The drafts submitted after the deadline were introduced on 6 and 11 November.
 - c. The co-facilitators also met with Major Groups and Stakeholders on 4 and 5 November to gather their views on the drafts;
 - d. Colombia and Oman jointly submitted a revised draft resolution entitled "Advancing options for international instruments on the environmentally sound management of minerals and metals and guidance for mineral resources circularity";
 - e. Japan and Panama merged their draft resolutions into a new draft resolution entitled "Maximizing existing resources through enhanced coherence and synergies in Multilateral Environmental Agreements and implementation," which was submitted on 14 November 2025, with their original drafts withdrawn on the same day;
 - f. The Republic of Korea withdrew its draft resolution entitled "Establishing a sectoral needs-assessment framework for the transition to a circular economy" on 19 November; and
 - g. Bolivia initially informed the Secretariat of its intention to withdraw its draft resolution entitled "Mother Earth-Centric actions for living well in balance and harmony with Mother Earth" introduced on 21 October. Subsequently, the delegation clarified in writing that they were "not withdrawing the draft resolution, noting that the decision must be made by the next Bolivian government. They requested that negotiations remain pending until the new authorities provide instructions on whether to continue negotiations or withdraw the proposal". The CPR Chair sought the Bureaux's guidance on how to reflect the draft in documentation while not scheduling negotiations until formal instructions are received;
 - h. Following the readings, the Secretariat had submitted three draft decisions together with 16 draft resolutions for editing, with English edited versions to be issued before OECPR-7.
9. The Chair of the CPR also updated on cross-cutting terminology as follows:
 - a. Recalled that intersessional consultations had highlighted Member States' concerns regarding cross-cutting terminology appearing in multiple draft resolutions, and noted that, following collective consideration, the co-facilitators had sought guidance from the CPR

- Bureau, which agreed that they should continue working with delegations on this issue in the days leading up to OECPR-7;
- b. Informed the Bureaux that he would at the opening of OECPR-7 encourage Member States to hold informal discussions among themselves, with rooms to be provided by the Secretariat as needed, in order to facilitate early engagement, constructive dialogue and a more efficient negotiation process;
 - c. Requested the Bureaux' support for this proposed approach.
10. The Secretariat briefed the Bureaux on the preparation for the OECPR-7, based on the [proposed draft schedule for Days 1 and 2 of the OECPR-7](#) and the [proposed guidance for the organization of work of the OECPR-7](#).
 11. The President encouraged the CPR and Bureau members to mobilize support for the draft resolutions and to promote consolidation of draft resolutions to ensure a smaller number of high-impact outcomes.
 12. The Bureaux members noted that the intersessional pre-consultations period had functioned effectively and brought delegations closer to convergence; warned that some Member States might attempt to reopen issues during the OECPR and UNEA week; stressed the need to preserve progress achieved during the intersessional period; and suggested that the Bureaux provide explicit support to the co-facilitators to strengthen their mandate for informal discussions on cross-cutting issues.
 13. The Bureaux agreed on the following approach regarding Bolivia's draft resolution:
 - a. The draft resolution continues to be reflected in the relevant documents until further communication is received from Bolivia; and
 - b. No negotiations will be scheduled on this draft at OECPR-7 or UNEA-7 until the Secretariat has instructions from the government of Bolivia on whether negotiations should continue or whether the draft resolution is withdrawn.

Agenda item 4: Update on the preparations for the seventh session of the United Nations Environment Assembly

14. The Executive Director updated the Bureaux members on the [preparations for UNEA-7](#).
15. H. E. Ms. Johanna Lissinger Peitz, Vice President of UNEA and Senior Advisor, Ministry of Climate and Enterprise, Government Offices of Sweden, reported on preparations for the Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) Day, noting continued engagement with the UNEP team to strengthen the outcome of the event, highlighting the unique opportunity it provides for multiple MEAs and Member States to exchange experiences on implementation and informed that coordination with moderators had ensured a shared understanding of how best to utilize the MEAs Day.
16. One Bureaux member highlighted that the associated event on "Airborne Risks, Grounded Responses: A Workshop on Sand and Dust Storms" scheduled for 9 December 2025, is mandated by [UNEA in its resolution 6/7](#). The member expressed concern that its allocated 90-minutes placed it on par with the official side events despite its mandated status, underscored the severe impacts of sand and dust storms across affected regions, called for extending the session to allow more substantive discussion, and expressed hope that the UNEA President and the Executive Director of UNEP could attend the event, given the expected high-level participation.
17. The President of UNEA asked the Secretariat to take note of the statement.

Agenda item 5: Other matters

18. The Secretariat reminded that a joint meeting of the Bureaux of UNEA and the CPR will take place in person in Nairobi on Sunday, 7 December 2025, from 16:00 to 18:00, noting that it will provide an opportunity to take stock of the outcomes of OECPR-7, which concludes on 5 December, and to plan for UNEA-7.
19. The Secretariat informed the Bureaux that, based on feedback from UNEA Bureau members on supporting the President in chairing UNEA meetings, a proposed division of work among UNEA Bureau members will be circulated following consultation with the President, and recalled that H. E. Ms. Joyelle Clarke, Rapporteur of UNEA and Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment, Climate Action, and Constituency Empowerment of Saint Kitts and Nevis, had expressed willingness to chair the Committee of the Whole, while H. E. Ms. Nino Tandilashvili, Vice President of UNEA and First Deputy Minister of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia, has volunteered to serve as Rapporteur, noting that these arrangements will be considered at the joint meeting pending a decision on whether a Committee of the Whole will be established.

Agenda item 6: Closing of the meeting

20. The meeting closed at 18:10 (GMT+3).

Annex: List of Participants

United Nations Environment Assembly Bureau Members:

1. H. E. Mr. Abdullah Bin Ali Al-Amri, President of UNEA and President of the Environment Authority of Oman.
2. H. E. Mr. Peter Maddens, Vice President of UNEA and Ambassador of Belgium and Permanent Representative of Belgium to UNEP.
3. H. E. Ms. Fitsum Assefa Adela, Vice President of UNEA and Minister of Planning and Development of Ethiopia.
5. H. E. Ms. Anikó Raisz, Vice President of UNEA and Minister of State for Environmental Policy and Circular Economy of Hungary.
6. H. E. Mr. Ali Gholampour, Vice President of UNEA and Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to UNEP.
7. H. E. Ms. Johanna Lissinger Peitz, Vice President of UNEA and Senior Advisor, Ministry of Climate and Enterprise, Government Offices of Sweden.
8. H. E. Mr. Mike Mposha, Vice President of UNEA and Minister of Green Economy and Environment of Zambia, **represented by** H.E. Mr. Alfred Musemuna, High Commissioner of Zambia to Kenya
9. H. E. Ms. Joyelle Clarke, Rapporteur of UNEA and Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment, Climate Action, and Constituency Empowerment of Saint Kitts and Nevis, **represented by** Mr. Eavin Parry, Senior Technical Officer.

Committee of Permanent Representative Bureau Members:

1. H. E. Mr. Sultan Hajiyeve, Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, Ambassador of Azerbaijan to Kenya, and Permanent Representative to UNEP.
2. H. E. Ms. Marie Charlotte G. Tang, Vice-Chair of the Committee, Ambassador of the Philippines to Kenya and Permanent Representative to UNEP, **represented by** Ms. Danna Paula S. Olaya, Third Secretary of the Embassy of the Philippines.
3. 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.
4. H. E. Mrs. Romy Sonia Tincopa Grados, Vice-Chair of the Committee, Ambassador of Peru to Kenya, and Permanent Representative to UNEP.
4. H. E. Ms. Jenny Da Rin, Rapporteur of the Committee and High Commissioner and Permanent Representative of Australia to UNEP.

UN Environment Programme Secretariat was represented by:

1. Ms. Inger Andersen, Executive Director.
2. Ms. Elizabeth Mrema, Deputy Executive Director.
3. Mr. Nicolas Bertrand, Chief of Staff.
4. Ms. Radhika Ochalik, Secretary of Governing Bodies.
5. Mr. Stadler Trengove, Principal Legal Advisor.