

Committee of Permanent Representatives
Bureau meeting
18 November 2025
10:00 – 12:00 (GMT +3)
Conference Room 10 (in person)
and Microsoft Teams (online)

Summary

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

1. His Excellency Sultan Hajiyeve, 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 Bureau members as well as the co-facilitators of the draft resolutions and decisions of the seventh session of the Environment Assembly (UNEA-7), who attended as observers.
2. Ms. Elisabeth Maruma Mrema, Deputy Executive Director of UNEP, delivered her opening remarks, emphasizing the critical role of the CPR Bureau and the co-facilitators in the preparations for UNEA-7 and the Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives (OECPR-7).
3. The [agenda](#) was adopted.

Agenda item 2: Preparations for the 172nd meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives

4. The Secretariat briefed on the [preparations for the 172nd meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives](#) to be held on 24 November 2025 from 10:00 to 13:00, and from 15:00 to 18:00, based on the [provisional and annotated agenda](#), and informed the Bureau members that the afternoon session might not be required as the meeting has only one substantive agenda item. The Secretariat reminded the Bureau that further to a previous decision of the CPR, the quarterly meeting preceding a session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) will be fully devoted to UNEA preparations.
5. One Bureau member inquired whether the remaining time for the afternoon session could be utilized for other purposes.
6. The Secretariat informed the Bureau that, in consultation with the UNEA-7 Presidency and the co-facilitators for the draft ministerial declaration, the afternoon session might be used for informal informal consultations on the draft ministerial declaration.
7. The Bureau requested the Secretariat to notify delegations that the afternoon session of the 172nd CPR meeting might not be needed, depending on the discussion under agenda item 5 on “Preparations for the seventh session of the United Nations Environment Assembly”.

Agenda item 3: Preparations for the seventh session of the Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives

Update on the consultations on the draft resolutions and decisions

8. The Chair provided an update on the status of draft resolutions and decisions, noting that all three draft decisions had completed three readings and that edited versions were available on e-proposals. Of the 18 draft resolutions submitted, three were withdrawn, and two proponents submitted a merged text, leaving 16 drafts to be considered at OECPR-7. Following the in-depth paragraph-by-paragraph reading, versions without attributions have been sent to UNON for editing and will be made available before the start of OECPR-7, while versions with attributions have been uploaded to e-proposals. He also informed the Bureau that the co-facilitators have been asked by delegations to provide streamlined preambular paragraphs (PPs) in the form of non-papers to support focused negotiations at OECPR-7. The Chair invited the co-facilitators to brief the Bureau on the progress made during the in-depth paragraph-by-paragraph reading of the draft resolutions.
9. The co-facilitator for Cluster A reported that a first reading of most draft resolutions had been completed and further noted that several Member States had raised concerns regarding cross-cutting issues appearing across multiple draft resolutions. The co-facilitators, as a group, considered this matter to require further attention and sought the Bureau's guidance on exploring possible approaches, including informal consultations with delegates in Nairobi in advance of OECPR-7, to ensure adequate preparedness.
10. The co-facilitator for Cluster B reported that the request to streamline the PPs was broadly supported by Member States and had been communicated across all clusters; noted a generally productive atmosphere during the intersessional consultations, with strong engagement from both in-person and online participants, reflecting commitment to the process and lessons learned from UNEA-6; and stated that the co-facilitators had identified a number of cross-cutting issues, emphasizing the importance of consulting delegations in advance of OECPR-7 to identify compromise language that may be acceptable to all regional groups.
11. One Bureau member sought guidance from the Secretariat on: i) how the work undertaken on the non-papers would be integrated into the OECPR alongside the drafts transmitted to the OECPR, to ensure that deliberations focus on substance rather than procedure; and ii) how any additional draft resolutions submitted before the OECPR would be addressed.
12. The Secretariat drew attention to the draft [guidance on the organization of work for the OECPR](#), specifically paragraph 10 concerning the PPs. It was noted that, in response to Member States' requests to streamline PPs, the co-facilitators were tasked by the CPR Subcommittee to work with proponents and relevant Member States to prepare streamlined PPs, which will be circulated as non-papers before the start of the OECPR-7. At the opening of the OECPR-7, the Committee may agree to use the non-papers as the basis for negotiations in the working groups, which will begin with the operative paragraphs (OPs) before proceeding to the PPs once negotiations on the OPs have concluded.
13. The Secretariat further clarified that any additional draft resolutions submitted between now and the start of the OECPR-7 will be brought to the attention of the UNEA Bureau

at the joint UNEA and CPR Bureaux meeting scheduled for Thursday, 27 November 2025, where the two Bureaux will consider how to address them. Member States will have the opportunity at the start of the OECPR-7 to announce withdrawals or mergers of draft resolutions.

14. The co-facilitators emphasized the need for clear, continued, and consistent guidance from the Bureau, requesting their support to begin OECPR-7 negotiations with the OPs and to use the streamlined PPs in the non-papers as the basis for negotiations, while underscoring the importance of acting as a coordinated group.
15. A Bureau member requested clarification from the Secretariat on how Bureau members can best support the co-facilitators during OECPR.
16. The Secretariat noted that the Bureau members will meet regularly to review progress of the negotiations and provide collective guidance to ensure OECPR proceeds efficiently and inclusively; participate in all formal meetings of OECPR-7; maintain close communication with their respective regional groups, relaying concerns, clarifying procedural questions, and gathering feedback to be brought to the Bureau for discussion; issue necessary guidance on the working structure, time management, documentation, and procedural matters; and support the co-facilitators as needed.
17. The Bureau agreed that co-facilitators will work with delegations on the cross-cutting issues, including during the remaining days leading up to the OECPR-7.

Update on the preparations for the OECPR-7

18. The Deputy Executive Director welcomed the progress made by the CPR Subcommittee since the last Bureau meeting and noted that on 4 and 5 November 2025, the co-facilitators of each cluster held informal consultations with focal points from Major Groups and Stakeholders accredited to UNEP, providing them an opportunity to gather the views and inputs of stakeholders on the draft resolutions introduced on 21 and 24 October 2025.
19. The Secretariat presented the [proposed guidance on the organization of work of the seventh session of the Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives \(OECPR-7\), and the proposed schedule for the first two days of the OECPR-7](#), including the indicative allocation of time per cluster.
20. The Legal Advisor recalled that the UN Code of Conduct prohibits all forms of harassment and noted that, in instances of inappropriate behaviour by delegates, the Chair and co-facilitators are expected to intervene firmly. The established procedure includes an oral warning, followed, where necessary, by a formal communication to the Mission/Embassy, and, in severe cases, the possible revocation of accreditation. The Secretariat affirmed that these measures are intended to preserve the proper conduct of meetings and that the Legal Office stands ready to assist.
21. The Bureau agreed to make available the following documents to delegations in advance of OECPR-7:
 - The proposed guidance on the organization of work of OECPR-7, and
 - The proposed schedule for the first two days of OECPR-7, on the understanding that both documents might be further revised following the discussions at the training for the CPR Bureau members and co-facilitators, which took place from Tuesday, 18 November to Thursday, 20 November.

22. The Bureau also agreed that the organization of work for days 3 to 5 of OECPR-7 will be discussed at the CPR Bureau meeting scheduled for the evening of Tuesday, 2 December, and subsequently at the stocktaking plenary meeting on Wednesday, 3 December, in the morning.
23. The Bureau also requested the co-facilitators to work with the Secretariat to make available in advance of OECPR-7 the proposed order in which the draft resolutions and decisions will be taken under each cluster on Monday, 1 December, and Tuesday, 2 December 2025.

Agenda item 4: Other matters

24. No other matters were raised.

Agenda item 5: Closing of the meeting

25. The meeting closed at 11.00 a.m. (GMT+3)

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Annex: List of Participants

The Committee of Permanent Representatives Bureau Members:

H. E. Mr. Sultan Hajiyeve, 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, **represented by** Ms. Danna Paula S. Olaya, third secretary.

H. E. Mr. Anouar Ben Youssef, Vice Chair of the Committee, Ambassador of Tunisia to Kenya, and Permanent Representative 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, **represented by** Ms. Alexandra Langley, First Secretary and Deputy Permanent Representative of Australia to UNEP.

Representative of the President of the United Nations Environment Assembly participating in an ex-officio capacity:

H. E. Ms. Nasra Salim Mohamed Al Hashmi, Ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman to Kenya and Permanent Representative to UNEP.

The UN Environment Program Secretariat was represented by:

Ms. Elizabeth Mrema, Deputy Executive Director.

Mr. Nicolas Bertrand, Chief of Staff.

Ms. Radhika Ochalik, Secretary of Governing Bodies.

Mr. Juan Carlos Vasquez, Deputy Secretary of Governing Bodies.

Mr. Stadler Trengove, Principal Legal Advisor.

Co-facilitators as observers:

From the African States Group:

Mr. Ontumetse Ontumetse of Botswana.

Ms. Sara Elkhoully of Egypt.

From the Asia-Pacific States Group:

Mr. Nader Al-Tarawneh of Jordan; and

Ms. Kanako Okano of Japan.

From the Eastern European States Group:

Mr. Michal Novotny of Czechia.

From the Western European and other States group:

Mr. Martin Röw of Germany; and

Ms. Marie Haraldstad of Norway.