

Draft recommendations proposed by members of the Committee of Permanent Representatives at its subcommittee meetings

Non-paper dated 18 March 2025

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 Programme¹

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 at the next quarterly meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives options to present to the United Nations Environment Assembly to scale up resource mobilization 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, in full respect of the mandate of the United Nations Environment Programme;
2. *Requests* the Secretariat, in future briefings on or reviews of thematic programmes, to provide relevant information on the budgets available for those programmes;

(b) Land degradation portfolio of the United Nations Environment Programme²

3. *Recommends* the Secretariat to address the growing demands for action to combat land degradation and mitigate its effects, including land management, as well as facilitate the mobilization of adequate and additional resources to address these issues, in its forthcoming medium-term strategy for the period 2026-2026 and draft programme of work and budget for the period 2026-2027, avoiding duplication with the work of the UNCCD and in line with United Nations Environment Assembly resolution 6/14;
4. *Also recommends* that consideration be given to the development of options for the enhancement of a United Nations Environment Programme's portfolio to address the issues of drought and desertification, and that discussion or reflection begin on how these issues can be more fully incorporated and emphasized into the medium-term strategy of the United Nations Environment Programme for the period 2026–2029; taking into account UNCCD outcomes, and *further requests* the Secretariat to provide regular updates to the Committee of on the progress made in this regard;

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 and 23 January 2025 can be found, respectively, in the [draft 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 can be found in the [Chair's summary](#) of that meeting.

(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 can be found in the [Chair's summary](#) of that meeting.

⁴ See document [UNEP/CPR/162/7/Rev.1](#).