

Committee of Permanent Representatives
Bureau meeting
2 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 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 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 and the Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives (OECPR-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.

4. The Chair of the CPR invited the co-facilitators of each cluster to update the Bureau on progress made during the first two days of OECPR-7.
5. The co-facilitators reported challenges with the slow pace of negotiations on several draft resolutions and decisions.
6. They noted that informal informal consultations were being convened during breaks to advance work on the Ops, with the aim of streamlining the text before proceeding with the negotiations on the PPs later in the week.
7. The co-facilitators highlighted technology transfer, indigenous peoples and citizen science as cross-cutting terminologies that needed further consultations.
8. The facilitator for cluster A, highlighted that their cluster has six draft resolutions comprising 109 paragraphs and expressed concern that only 9 paragraphs has been addressed over the past two days, stressing that new elements and comments were causing some paragraphs illegible. The co-facilitators requested the bureau to:
 - i) Allow negotiations to continue past 10 p.m.;
 - ii) Approve the non-paper as it stands with no discussion of the PPs and focus solely on cleaning the OPs due to the slow pace;

- iii) Open the morning slot of 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. for informal informal consultations or working group meetings;
 - iv) Allow more than two informal informal consultations to be held in parallel.
9. The facilitator for cluster B appreciated the progress achieved in the draft resolution on synergies.
10. The co-facilitators for cluster D reported consensus on the draft decision on management of trust funds and earmarked contributions, while noting challenges with the draft decision on the medium-term strategy, programme of work, and budget, which is generating extensive debate. The co-facilitators requested that CPR Bureau members engage with Member States within their regional group to help build consensus.
11. The Chair reiterated that Member States opposed consultations past 10 p.m. during the opening plenary, and any late-night consultations, would require consensus from Member States within the working groups.
12. The Secretariat clarified that Member States had requested only two parallel informal informal consultations to be held at the same time.
13. The Bureau emphasized that only two informal informal consultations occur simultaneously.

Organization of work

14. The Secretariat presented the structure for the remaining days of OECPR-7, outlining the time allocated to each cluster, with the aim of finding agreement on as many draft resolutions and decisions as possible before the closing plenary of the OECPR.
15. The Rapporteur suggested utilizing any free time for informal informal consultations. The Rapporteur also requested clarification from the secretariat on:
- i) If negotiations had previously gone past 10 p.m. during OECPR and UNEA sessions, and asked for insights from UNEA-6, where agreement was not reached on all draft resolutions and decisions by the end of OECPR.
 - ii) Whether Member States fully understand the consequences of failing to reach agreement by the end of OECPR.
 - iii) The extend of the Bureau's decision-making authority, given that this issue was raised during the opening plenary.
16. The Legal Advisor clarified that under Rule 18 specifies, the role of the Bureau is to assist the Chair in organization the work. The Bureau can take decisions and communicate them to the CPR and the UNEA Bureau; however, such decisions are not binding and may be overturned by the plenary.
17. The Executive Director recalled that at UNEA-6, the co-facilitators worked under immense pressure, and sessions extended late into the night, mainly focused on the preambular paragraphs, while the operative paragraphs remained undiscussed. Based on the lessons

learnt from UNEA-6, the Executive Director emphasized the importance of maintaining the practice of beginning negotiations with the OPs.

18. The Bureau agreed with the proposed structure for OECPR-7 for the remainder of the week.

Agenda item 3: Other matters

19. No other matters were raised under this agenda item

Closing of the meeting

20. The meeting closed at 7.50 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. 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. 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; and

Mr. Tobias Ogweni of Kenya.

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.