

Draft Chair's summary on
Agenda item 8: Preparations for the seventh session of the United Nations Environment Assembly

1. The Secretariat presented a [briefing](#) on the preparations for the seventh session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-7), including on the guidance for the submission of draft resolutions and decisions and on the roadmap for the intersessional period.
2. **Delegations¹ provided the following comments:**
 - a. Encouraged all delegations to follow the [guidance on the submission of draft resolutions and decisions to UNEA-7 and the roadmap of the intersessional period](#).
 - b. Presented conclusions from an informal retreat of UNEP Deputy Permanent Representatives held on 20 June 2025 in Nairobi, where, among others, delegations; i) called for early empowerment of co-facilitators to foster consensus and merge proposals where appropriate; ii) transmission of intersessional work to the OECPR-7; and iii) called for fewer, targeted and impactful resolutions with strong coherence with UNEA resolutions, MEAs and with the MTS and PoW.
 - c. Encouraged Member States to submit streamlined and focused resolutions.
 - d. Noted that co-facilitators would lead consultations on draft resolutions from 3 November 2025.
 - e. Requested UNEP to prepare budget scenarios for UNEA-7, for consideration by the UNEA and CPR Bureaux at their joint meeting to be held on 10 September, focusing on potential adjustments and cost saving measures to address the UNEA-7 funding gap, including through i) a four-day UNEA, ii) cost saving through conference services and iii) travel entitlements.
 - f. Expressed concerns about the [funding gap for UNEA-7](#) and urged intensified resource mobilization by UNEP to ensure inclusive participation.
 - g. Requested clarification on how the current budget constraints affect UNEP's ability to implement new mandates derived from UNEA resolutions.
 - h. Member States provided general comments on the revised first draft Ministerial Declaration.
3. **The Secretariat provided the following clarifications:**
 - a. Highlighted that a note on UNEA-6 budget estimates and actual as well as the budget estimates for UNEA-7 and OECPR-7 is available on the meeting portal of the 10 September 2025 joint meeting of the UNEA and CPR Bureaux for their consideration and guidance.
 - b. With regard to the funding gap for UNEA-7 budget, noted suggestions to simplify documentation through modern tools such as AI translation, and recalled that decisions in this matter are governed by the United Nations General Assembly, and indicated that the Secretary-General's forthcoming report could provide an opportunity for discussion.
 - c. Clarified that implementation of new mandates from UNEA-7 resolutions would remain subject to availability of extrabudgetary funds.

Announcement of possible draft resolutions and decisions for UNEA-7

4. Delegations announced the submission of the following draft resolutions for UNEA-7:
 - a. **India:** Strengthening global response on management of wildfires.
 - b. **Indonesia:** Protection and sustainable management of Karst ecosystem.

¹ Kenya, on behalf of the G77 and China; Mozambique, on behalf of the African States Group; European Union; Portugal; Egypt; Canada; Saudi Arabia; Mexico; Belgium; Brazil; India; Switzerland; Peru; Chile; Kenya; State of Palestine; Children and Youth Major Group.

- c. **Japan:** Promoting Synergies, Cooperation or Collaboration for National Implementation of Multilateral Environmental Agreements and Other Relevant Environmental Instruments.
 - d. **Kenya:** Safe, responsible and sustainable Artificial Intelligence for people and planet.
 - e. **Kenya:** Environmental dimensions of antimicrobial pollution.
 - f. **Kenya:** Promoting sustainable solutions through sport for a resilient planet.
 - g. **Mexico:** Strengthening the role of Nairobi.
 - h. **Peru and Kenya:** Enhancing the international response to address crimes that affect the environment.
 - i. **Sri Lanka:** Enhancing the meaningful participation of children and youth in environmental and climate change action.
 - j. **Switzerland:** Chemicals and waste.
5. As requested, the Secretariat informed that the following additional intentions regarding the submission of draft resolutions have been received:
- a. **Bolivia (Plurinational State of):** Living Well in Balance and Harmony with Mother Earth and Mother Earth-Centric Actions.
 - b. **Democratic Republic of the Congo:** Strengthening the implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) in global environmental governance.