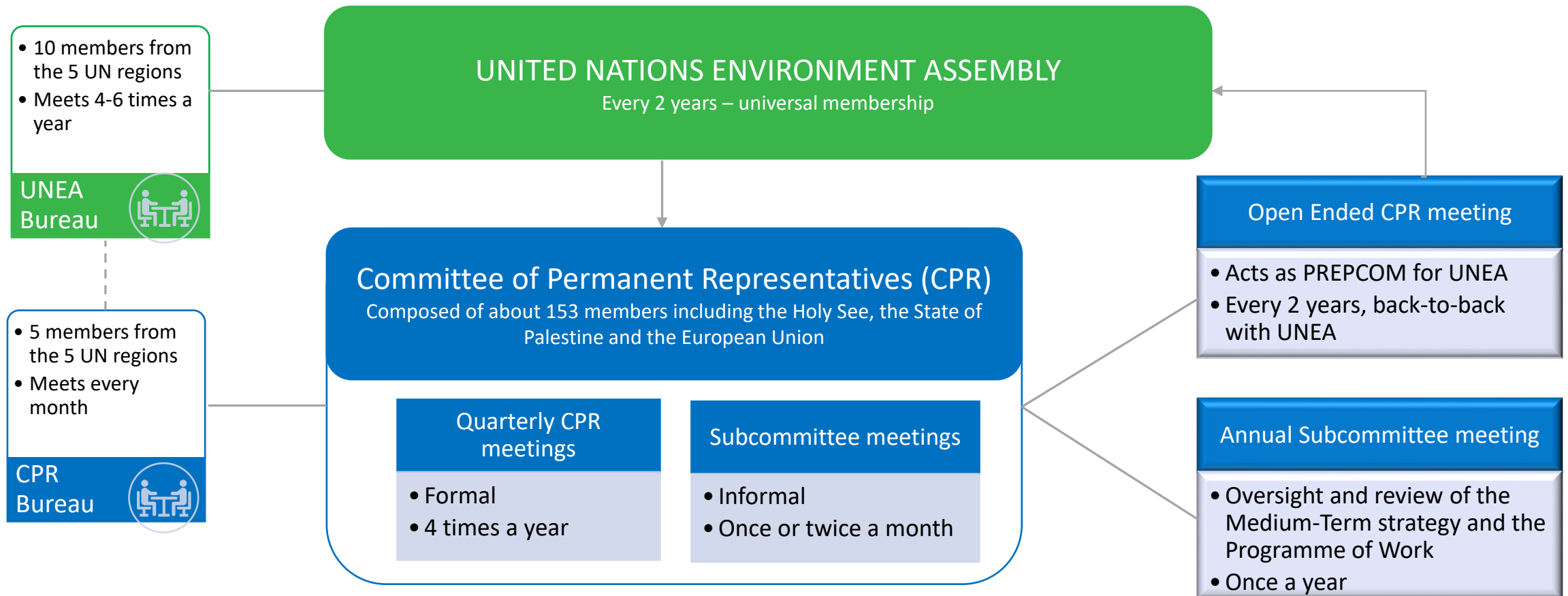


Structure and functions of UNEA and its Bureau

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UN Environment Programme Governance Structure



United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA)

UNEA Bureau



Bureau

- 10 members - a President; 8 Vice-Presidents; and a Rapporteur
- Elected at the final meeting of a session and members hold office until their successors are elected
- Eligible for re-election
- Replacement of a Bureau member is governed by rule 19
- Oversees the preparations of UNEA and supports the general conduct of business of UNEA

President



His Excellency Abdullah Bin Ali Al-Amri

President of UNEA and Chair of the Environment Authority of Oman

Vice Presidents



Her Excellency Fitsum Assefa Adela

Vice President of UNEA and Minister of Planning and Development of Ethiopia



His Excellency Mike Mposha

Vice President of UNEA and Minister of Green Economy and Environment of Zambia



His Excellency Ali Gholampour

Vice President of UNEA and Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to UNEP



Her Excellency Anikó Raisz

Vice President of UNEA and Minister of State for Environmental Policy and Circular Economy of Hungary



Her Excellency Nino Tandilashvili

Vice President of UNEA and First Deputy Minister of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia



His Excellency Juan Carlos Castro Vargas

Vice President of UNEA and Minister of Environment of Peru



His Excellency Peter Maddens

Vice President of UNEA and Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Belgium to UNEP



Her Excellency Johanna Lissinger Peitz

Vice President of UNEA and Senior Advisor, Ministry of Climate and Enterprise, Government Offices of Sweden

Rapporteur



Her Excellency Joyelle Clarke

Rapporteur of UNEA and Minister of Environment of Saint Kitts and Nevis

- Carry out tasks given by UNEA and President
- Assist the President
- Prepare for upcoming UNEA session
- Coordinate with the CPR Bureau and Chair
- Review credentials of representatives to UNEA

UNEA Bureau meetings

UNEA BUREAU MEETINGS

UN Environment Assembly Bureau Meeting

25 March 2025
Nairobi, Kenya



[Overview](#)

[Pre-Session Documents](#)

[Post-Session Documents](#)

Time: 15:00 -17:00 (GMT+3)

VENUE: Online

CHAIR: H. E. Mr. Abdullah Bin Ali Al Amri, President of UNEA and Chair of the Environment Authority of Oman.

[Provisional and annotated agenda](#) *Uploaded on 20 February 2025*

- In English
- Can be attended online
- Makes recommendations and provides guidance
- CPR Chair invited

UNEA and CPR Joint Bureaux meetings

- Joint Bureaux meetings are regularly organized and co-chaired by the UNEA President and the Chair of the CPR.
- Some joint meetings take the form of a “retreat”, often with a specific topic to be discussed; these meetings are typically longer (1-2 days) and may be hosted by the President.
- Relevant decisions are taken separately by each Bureau

Role of the UNEA president



- declares the opening and closing of each meeting
- rules on points of order
- proposes to the Assembly the limitation of time to be allowed to speakers,
- proposes the suspension or the adjournment of the meeting
- calls upon speakers
- calls a speaker to order
- announces the list of speakers
- represents the Environment Assembly

United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA)

Agenda

Agenda

- Adopted at the start of the session
- UNEA approves the provisional agenda ahead of a session

Approves the provisional agenda for the seventh session as follows:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Credentials of representatives.
4. Report of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.
5. International environmental policy and governance issues.
6. Programme of work and budget; other administrative and budgetary issues.
7. Stakeholder engagement.
8. Contributions to the meetings of the high-level political forum on sustainable development and implementation of the environmental dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
9. High-level segment.
10. Cooperation with multilateral environmental agreements.
11. Provisional agenda, dates and venue of the eighth session of the Environment Assembly.
12. Adoption of the resolutions, decisions and outcome document of the session.
13. Election of officers.
14. Other matters.
15. Adoption of the report.
16. Closure of the session.



United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA)

Structure



Structure of UNEA

- Opening plenary
- Leadership dialogues
- Multi-stakeholder dialogue
- High-level segment
- National statements
- Cooperation with Multilateral Environmental Agreements
- Closing segment
- Committee of the whole

United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA)

Reporting and Special Sessions



Reporting

- UN General Assembly – (document symbol A/GA session number/25)
- High-level political forum on sustainable development

Special Sessions

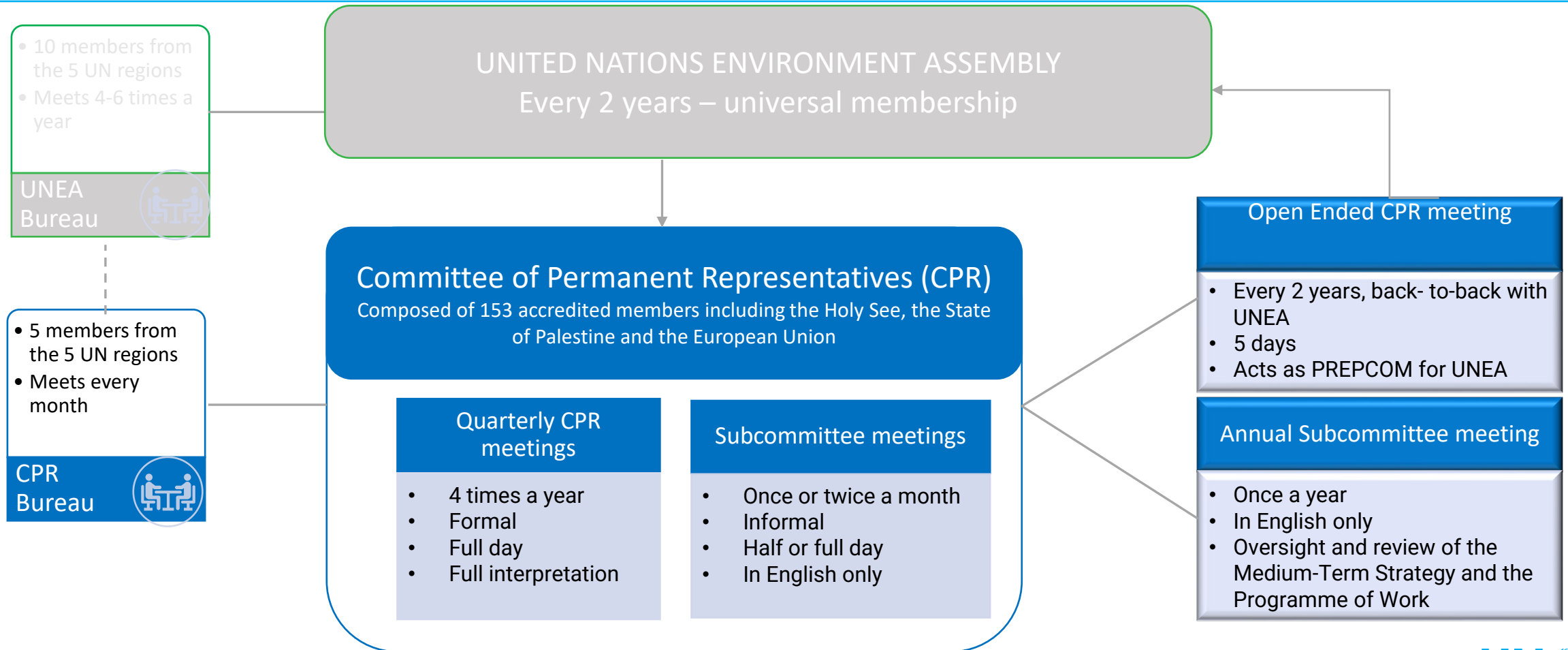
- UNEA can hold special sessions

Structure and functions of the CPR and its Bureau

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Committee of Permanent Representative (CPR)

Overview of Meetings



After consultation with the CPR bureau or at the request of at least 5 members, **extraordinary CPR meetings** may be convened

Committee of Permanent Representative (CPR)

Overview



- Established in **May 1985** (GC decision 13/2) to create a forum for dialogue between Member State missions in Nairobi and UNEP's Executive Director
- Open to **all UN Member States and members of the specialized agencies** (incl the European Union)
- Accredited **Major Groups and Stakeholders** representatives participate as observers with the right to make statements.
- Meets under the leadership of a **5-member Bureau comprising of a Chair, 3 Vice-Chairs and a Rapporteur** based on nominations by regional groups and elected for a period of two years

Committee of Permanent Representative (CPR)

Mandate

1. Within the policy and budgetary framework provided by UNEA, to review, monitor and the implementation of UNEA decisions on administrative, budgetary and programme matters.
2. Review the draft programme of work and budget during their preparation by the Secretariat.
3. Review reports requested of the Secretariat by UNEA on the effectiveness, efficiency and transparency of the functions and work of the Secretariat and to make recommendations thereon to UNEA.
4. Prepare draft decisions for consideration by UNEA based on inputs from the Secretariat.
5. Contribute to the preparation of the agenda of UNEA.
6. Provide advice to its governing body on policy matters.
7. Convene thematic and/or programmatic debates.
8. Oversee the implementation and accountability by the Secretariat of the medium-term strategy and programme of work and budget.
9. Consider the frequency, schedule and programmatic focus of its meetings to enhance its efficiency and effectiveness and to improve its working methods.

Based on *Governing Council decisions 19/32 and 27/2*



Committee of Permanent Representative (CPR)

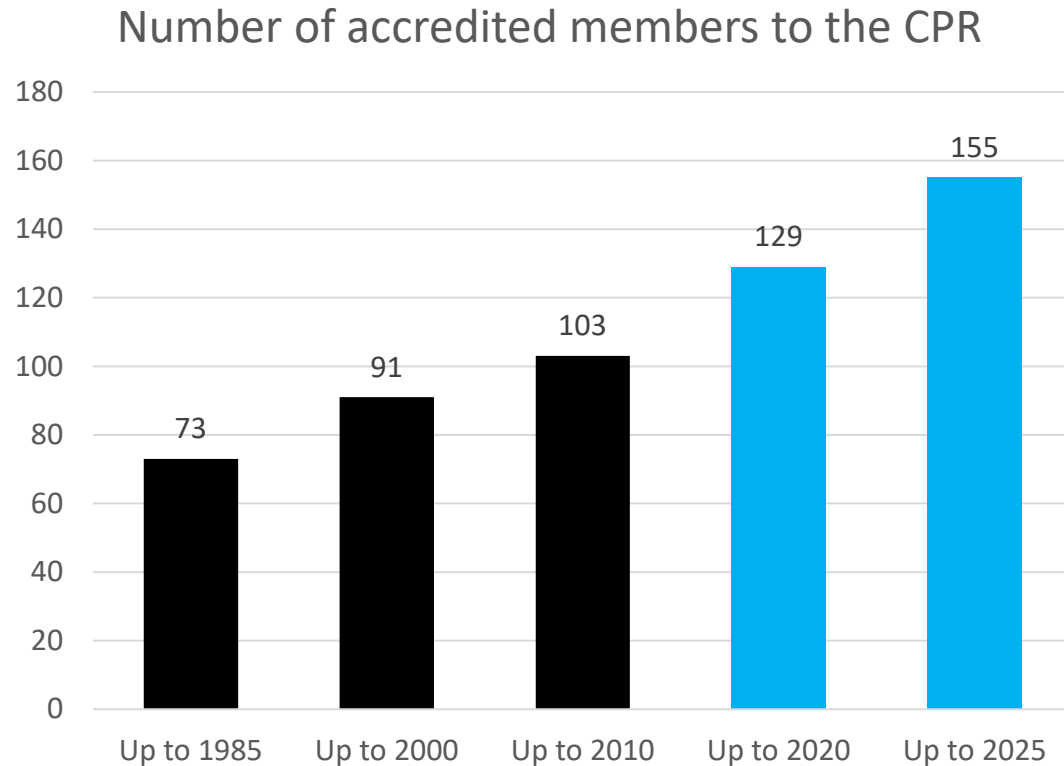
Membership - Regular and subcommittee meetings



“Representatives of all States Members of the UN, members of the specialized agencies and the European Union, accredited to the UN Environment Programme, **based in Nairobi or outside**” (GC decision 19/32 Para 8).

Committee of Permanent Representative (CPR)

Membership - Regular and subcommittee meetings



Current membership – **155 members**
(98 in Nairobi; 57 outside Nairobi)

Accredited Members:

- 151 Member States
- 3 Observer States
- European Union

Committee of Permanent Representative (CPR)

Annual Subcommittee of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (ASC)



Governing Council decision 27/2, February 2013

- Meets **annually** for 5 days
- Reviews the **Medium-Term Strategy and Programme of Work** and budget, to be endorsed by the CPR and for the governing body's approval
- If preceding a UNEA session, initiates preparations for the Environment Assembly
- Oversees their **implementation and accountability** of the Secretariat
- Conducts its meetings in English only

Committee of Permanent Representative (CPR)

Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives (OECPR)



Governing Council decision 27/2, February 2013

- Contributes to the [preparation of the agenda](#) of UNEA;
- Provides [advice](#) to UNEA on policy matters;
- Prepares [decisions for adoption](#) by UNEA oversee implementation;
- Convenes thematic / programmatic [debates](#);
- Promotes [participation of the non-resident members](#) of the Committee, particularly from developing countries;

Takes place back-to-back with the UN Environment Assembly (unless otherwise decided by UNEA)

Working methods



Based on the outcomes of the [Consensual Process for Review by the CPR](#), the **paragraph 41 (j)** of the [Chair's Summary](#) of the 9th ASC recommended that the CPR bureau, supported by the Secretariat

- Prepare a strategically planned roadmap for CPR quarterly and subcommittee meetings
- Develop a standing agenda for quarterly CPR meetings
- Prepare annotated agendas well in advance to the meetings
- Prepare background documents well in advance
- Clearly outline agreed recommendations and decisions in the report of the CPR

Further consensual conclusions, such as working timelines and arrangements are included in the [guidance on the organization of work for the Committee of Permanent Representatives](#), endorsed by the CPR as its resumed 162nd meeting

Identification, formulation and recording of CPR decisions

The 167th CPR meeting held on 17 December 2024, adopted a decision [UNEP/CPR/167/9/Rev.1](#) which provide additional guidance on identification, fomulation and recording of CPR decision as follows:

- The secretariat, as a general rule, to compile and circulate, in a standalone document, in a standardized format, any draft decisions or draft recommendations proposed by members of the Committee at subcommittee meetings for consideration by the Committee at its quarterly meetings.

Thank you



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