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Background document on the status of implementation of the decisions adopted by the Committee of Permanent Representatives

This document has been prepared by the Secretariat, pursuant to the Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR) decision 171/1 of 11 September 2026, to provide an overview of the decisions adopted by the CPR and their implementation status, in line with the final outcome of the Consensual Process for Review by the Committee of Permanent Representatives endorsed by the United Nations Environment Assembly in its decision 5/4, and following the guidance on the organization of the work of the CPR (UNEP/CPR/162/7/Rev.1) as endorsed at the resumed 162nd meeting of the Committee held on 31 October 2023.

Decisions adopted by the Committee of Permanent Representatives

I. Background

1. The final outcome of the Consensual Process for Review by the Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR-based review) endorsed by the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) in its decision 5/4, paragraph 1, provides measures for the improvement of the efficiency and effectiveness of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR) (hereinafter 'the Committee').

2. In paragraph 10 of the CPR-based review, the Committee agreed, under the guidance of its Bureau and with the support of the Secretariat, to improve the identification, formulation and recording of decisions and conclusions from its meetings by:

    a) strategic and timely scheduling of the Committee meetings; and
    b) high-quality and timely submission of documentation from the Secretariat, such as annotated agendas, background documentation and meeting summaries.

3. Regarding implementation of paragraph 10 of the CPR-based review, the Committee recommended, *inter alia*, in paragraph 41 (j) of the Chair's Summary of the 9th annual subcommittee meeting, held in October 2022, that the Bureau of the Committee, with the support of the Secretariat, among other (i) prepare a strategically planned roadmap for the Committee quarterly and subcommittee meetings, indicating provisional relevant agenda items, well in advance of the meetings; (ii) develop a standing agenda for quarterly meetings of the Committee that will include a report of the Committee subcommittees with recommendations for consideration by the Committee, quarterly reports to the Committee, relevant audits and evaluation reports, and preparations for future UNEAs; and (v) clearly outline agreed recommendations and decisions in the report of the Committee, with the understanding that there is a specific agenda item during which those recommendations are agreed upon.

4. Further to the discussion at its 9th annual subcommittee meeting, the Committee, in the guidance on the organization of its work (the guidance) as endorsed at the resumed 162nd meeting of the Committee, held on 31 October 2023, provided further guidance on the main objectives of the subcommittee meetings, namely:

    a) to prepare for the quarterly meetings of the Committee, in particular with regard to the management of UNEP, the implementation of UNEP's Programme of Work and UNEA resolutions; and
    b) to keep Member States informed about important developments of Multilateral Environmental Agreements and other relevant environment-related intergovernmental processes and trends. The subcommittee may, as appropriate, prepare draft decisions or recommendations to be included in the report of the subcommittee for consideration at the quarterly meetings of the Committee.

5. In the same guidance, the Secretariat is requested to capture relevant draft decisions or recommendations deriving from the subcommittee meetings in the summary of those meetings, and in the report of the subcommittee to be considered under item 7[1] in the standing agenda of the quarterly meetings of the Committee. When the report of the subcommittee is adopted under item 7, the decisions and recommendations therein would also be considered adopted by the Committee.

6. The Secretariat is also requested to ensure that the draft Chair's Summary (prepared by UNEP) and meeting report (prepared by UNON) from the quarterly meetings reflect agreed decisions and recommendations, if any. To facilitate follow-up, the Secretariat should provide a brief

[1] Report of the subcommittee.

status update on the implementation of the adopted decisions and recommendations, as part of the report of the subcommittee submitted to the next quarterly meeting of the Committee.

7. Additionally, in its decision 167/2 of 12 September 2024, the Committee requested 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. Through established practice, such recommendations are finalized in a subcommittee meeting held in advance of a quarterly meeting.

8. The present document provides an overview of progress in the implementation of these recommendations.

II. Status

9. Following the endorsement of the guidance at the resumed 162nd meeting of the Committee held on 31 October 2023, a total of **61** recommendations have been considered and adopted by the Committee at its quarterly meetings. Of these, **36** have been completed, **24** are ongoing and **1** remains outstanding, as provided below.

Decision	Recommendation	Status of implementation
Decision 164/1 *Recommendations of the Committee of Permanent Representatives at its tenth annual subcommittee meeting (contained in document UNEP/CPR/166/2, annex)*	1. *Endorses* the Chair's summary of the tenth annual subcommittee meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, held in Nairobi from 20 to 24 November 2023, and requests the secretariat to take into account the comments made by Member States, including when preparing for future meetings of the Committee and the subcommittee, and the annual subcommittee meetings;	Completed
	2. *Requests* the secretariat to provide in an information document the responses to those questions posed and comments raised by Member States during the tenth annual subcommittee meeting that were not fully addressed by the secretariat at that meeting, following notification by Member States of such outstanding questions and comments;	Completed
	3. *Takes note of* the presentation on action by the United Nations Environment Programme to strengthen protection against sexual and any other type of exploitation and abuse and against sexual harassment in the workplace, and encourages the Executive Director to further develop indicators and systems, building on United Nations system-wide tools and mechanisms, to effectively monitor the situation and ensure that all personnel, implementing partners and beneficiaries are adequately protected against sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment, and to ensure that victims and survivors are placed at the centre of the Programme's approach to the matter;	Ongoing
	4. *Also requests* the secretariat to brief Member States on any significant intended changes to the organizational	Ongoing

	structure of the United Nations Environment Programme before such changes are made;	
	5. *Requests* the secretariat to prepare, in consultation with the Bureau of the Committee, a strategic schedule of meetings of the subcommittee and the Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives to allow for effective, inclusive and participatory consultations and negotiations on draft resolutions and decisions for consideration by the United Nations Environment Assembly, to avoid the convening of more than two meetings at the same time during the sixth meeting of the Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives and the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly, and to make the schedule available to Member States as early as possible and before the end of 2023;	Completed
	6. *Encourages* the Presidency of the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly and the Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to guide the co-facilitators in organizing, as appropriate, early consultations with major groups and stakeholders, collecting views and positions on draft resolutions for possible consideration by Member States, and encouraging the proponents of draft resolutions to engage with the major groups and stakeholders facilitating committee, with the support of the secretariat;	Completed
	7. *Reminds* all Member States to proactively review their financial support to the United Nations Environment Programme and encourages them to contribute their full share according to the voluntary indicative scale of contributions to ensure that the Programme can be strengthened and can successfully implement its programme of work;	Ongoing
	8. *Requests* the secretariat to continue exploring alternative sources of funding, and to analyse and address the barriers to engaging with new funding sources.	Ongoing
Decision 166/1 *Recommendations of the Committee of Permanent Representatives at its166th meeting (contained in document UNEP/CPR/167/2, annex)*	1. *Requests* the secretariat to complement each presentation on the outcomes of the meetings or sessions of conferences of the parties to multilateral environmental agreements with information on how such outcomes relate to the implementation of the programme of work of the United Nations Environment Programme;	Ongoing
	2. *Encourages* the Chair and the Bureau of the Committee, with the support of the secretariat, to develop further guidance on how to prepare future contributions of the United Nations Environment Assembly to the high-level political forum on sustainable development, taking into account any recommendations arising from the process	Completed

	of learning lessons from the sixth session of the Environment Assembly;	
	3. *Requests* the secretariat to provide regular updates to the Committee on the development of a global environmental data strategy and on the World Environment Situation Room;	Completed
	4. *Requests* the secretariat to further update the Committee on the global foresight report on planetary health and human well-being.	Completed
Decision 167/1 *Recommendations of the Committee of Permanent Representatives at its 167th meeting on lessons learned from the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (contained in document UNEP/CPR/168/2, annex)*	1. *Takes note of* the document entitled "The sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly Assessment and lessons learned: key recommendations", which is set out in the annex to the present decision;	Completed
	2. *Encourages* Member States, the President of the Environment Assembly, the bureaux of the Committee of Permanent Representatives and of the Environment Assembly, and the secretariat to take due account of the lessons learned from the sixth session of the Environment Assembly, as set out in the annex to the present decision, in preparing for future sessions of the Environment Assembly;	Ongoing
	3. *Invites* the President of the Environment Assembly and the bureaux of the Environment Assembly and of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, and calls upon all Member States, to uphold the "Nairobi Spirit" and avoid the hindrance of environmental processes.	Ongoing
Decision 167/2 *Improving the identification, formulation and recording of decisions and conclusions of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (contained in document UNEP/CPR/168/2, annex)*	1. *Requests* the secretariat to prepare and present, at a subsequent meeting of the subcommittee and prior to the 168th meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, a note on the mandate of the Committee;	Completed
	2. *Also requests* 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;	Ongoing
	3. *Requests* the subcommittee to continue its consideration of the draft recommendations set out in paragraph 3 (b) of the document entitled "Draft report of the subcommittee of the Committee of Permanent Representatives", with a view to preparing a draft decision for consideration by the Committee at its 168th meeting.	Completed
Decision 168/1 *Recommendations of the Committee of Permanent*	1. *Requests* the secretariat to report to the Committee on the identification of challenges and opportunities associated with enhancement of the provision and mobilization of resources for climate adaptation,	Completed

Representatives at its eleventh annual subcommittee meeting (contained in document UNEP/CPR/169/2, annex I)	pollution, biodiversity loss and the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;	
	2. *Also requests* the secretariat, when developing the seventh Global Environment Outlook report, to strive, in accordance with paragraph 5 of resolution 5/3 of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme, to avoid duplication of work with existing assessments and other science-policy processes, such as the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, the International Resource Panel, the future science-policy panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution, whose establishment was called for in Environment Assembly resolution 5/8, and subsidiary bodies of relevant multilateral environmental agreements;	Completed
	3. *Welcomes* the changes proposed in the programme performance report of the United Nations Environment Programme for the biennium 2022–2023 to further strengthen delivery of the medium-term strategy of the Programme for the period 2022–2025 through the thematic programmes “Pollution and Health”, “Towards Zero Waste” and “Circularity in Sectors”, and requests the secretariat to implement those changes with full respect for the mandate of the Programme;	Completed
	4. *Requests* the secretariat to present, during the development of the programme of work and budget for the biennium 2026–2027 and the medium-term strategy for the period 2026–2029, a vision for the implementation of the recommendations contained in the evaluation synthesis report for the biennium 2022–2023 on the foundational subprogrammes on science-policy and environmental governance and on giving consideration to the provision of capacity-building to developing countries, for discussion by the Committee of Permanent Representatives;	Completed
	5. *Reiterates* the request of the United Nations Environment Assembly, in its decision 6/7, that the draft medium-term strategy for the period 2026–2029 be prepared through open, transparent and inclusive consultation with Member States and fully taking into account the views of Member States;	Completed
	6. *Requests* the secretariat to include in future programme performance reports an overview of challenges, opportunities and lessons learned for all subprogrammes and management and financial matters. Lessons learned should be strategic and analytic and relate to both context and partners, as well as to programmatic and institutional	Completed

	lessons relevant to the improvement by the United Nations Environment Programme of its operations and performance;	
	7. *Recommends* that the secretariat improve the integration and linking of information on policy work, results, available financial resources and expenditure in future programme performance reports;	Ongoing
	8. *Also recommends* that the secretariat continue to brief the subcommittee on the geographical distribution of United Nations Environment Programme staff and include in reports of the Executive Director to the Committee explicit information on changes in the ratios of representation for at least the three previous years;	Ongoing
	9. *Requests* the secretariat to brief the subcommittee on the development of an updated gender strategy, as well as on the implementation of the recommendations regarding gender contained in the evaluation synthesis report for the biennium 2022–2023;	Ongoing
	10. *Also requests* the secretariat to brief the Committee on progress in the implementation of United Nations Environment Assembly resolutions 6/7 (sand and dust storms) and 6/14 (international efforts to combat desertification and land degradation ...), including options for consideration by the Committee on the integration of the resolutions into the medium-term strategy for the period 2026–2029 and the programme of work and budget for the biennium 2026–2027;	Completed
	11. *Further requests* the secretariat to follow up on the decision of the Committee to include evaluations and audits as a standing item on the agenda of the quarterly meetings of the Committee and to present, in preparation for those meetings, the relevant audit and evaluation reports, including related management responses, to the subcommittee for review and possible recommendations;	Ongoing
	12. *Requests* the secretariat to prioritize the implementation of all outstanding recommendations contained in audits, investigations and evaluation reports;	Ongoing
	13. *Also requests* the secretariat to develop concrete steps to improve performance-related indicators in regard to the executive direction and management subprogrammes of the United Nations Environment Programme and present them to the subcommittee at a future meeting;	Ongoing
	14. *Reiterates* the encouragement expressed by the Committee in paragraph 4 of decision 164/1;	Ongoing

	Para 4 of decision 164/1 reads: Takes note of the presentation on action by the United Nations Environment Programme to strengthen protection against sexual and any other type of exploitation and abuse and against sexual harassment in the workplace, and encourages the Executive Director to further develop indicators and systems, building on United Nations system-wide tools and mechanisms, to effectively monitor the situation and ensure that all personnel, implementing partners and beneficiaries are adequately protected against sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment, and to ensure that victims and survivors are placed at the centre of the Programme's approach to the matter;	
	15. *Takes note of* the evaluation synthesis report for the biennium 2022–2023 and strongly recommends that the United Nations Environment Programme strengthen the likelihood of impact, the achievement of project outcomes and the sustainability dimensions of projects in the programme of work and budget for the biennium 2026–2027 and subsequent programmes of work;	Completed
	16. *Recommends* that the secretariat strengthen its institutional learning through implementation of the recommendations of evaluations during the development of new policies and project designs, and that it present proposals for how it intends to do so during the consultations on the medium-term strategy for the period 2026–2029;	Completed
	17. *Highlights* the importance of regular briefings on the work of the United Nations Environment Management Group at future subcommittee meetings;	Ongoing
	18. *Requests* the secretariat to fully reflect the implementation of the outcomes of the United Nations Environment Assembly in the draft medium-term strategy;	Completed
	19. *Also requests* the secretariat to include in the draft medium-term strategy a full range of environmental challenges;	Completed
	20. *Welcomes* the results of the lessons learned from new evaluations and audits and, recalling United Nations Environment Assembly decision 6/7, paragraph 9, and Environment Assembly resolution 4/18, paragraph 8, requests the secretariat to include an explicit focus on the linkages between poverty and the environment in the draft medium-term strategy, for discussion by the Committee;	Completed
	21. *Requests* the secretariat to indicate clearly and early in the process how lessons learned from the implementation of the current medium-term strategy and programme of	Completed

	work will be taken into account in the development of the medium-term strategy for the period 2026–2029 and future iterations of the programme of work;	
	22. *Recommends* that the secretariat highlight in the road map the regional consultations on the medium-term strategy and programme of work;	Completed
	23. *Also recommends* that the secretariat continue to enhance the consideration of the role and viability of regional forums of ministers of environment and environment authorities in the work of the United Nations Environment Programme, specifically when considering the development of the medium-term strategy for the period 2026–2029 and future programmes of work, in accordance with United Nations Environment Assembly resolution 6/3, paragraph 1 (a);	Completed
	24. *Requests* the secretariat to present to the Committee information on how it will refine its engagement with the private sector in the context of the United Nations Environment Programme resource mobilization strategy;	Completed
	25. *Recommends* that the secretariat schedule more meetings at the level of the subcommittee, including informal meetings aimed at forging consensus on a robust and efficient road map.	Ongoing
Decision 168/2 *Recommendations of the Committee of Permanent Representatives at its 168th quarterly meeting (contained in document UNEP/CPR/169/2, annex II)*	1. *Requests* the Secretariat to align GEO-7 to the core functions of the GEO process established in paragraph 5 of UNEA resolution 5/3, namely to evaluate "the effectiveness of the global policy response, evaluates future perspectives for all five environmental themes addressed in previous Global Environment Outlook assessments, and evaluates the drivers of environmental change and the interactions across these environmental themes";	Completed
	2. *Requests* the Executive Director, pursuant to paragraph 13 of UNEA resolution 5/3, to consult more regularly with the Committee of Permanent Representatives on important elements of the Global Environment Outlook process.	Completed
Decision 171/1 *Recommendations proposed by members of the Committee of Permanent Representatives at its subcommittee meeting on 11 September 2025 (contained in document UNEP/CPR/172/2, annex)*	1. *Takes note of* the report by the Joint Inspection Unit on the review of management and administration in the United Nations Environment Programme, the expanded version of the Joint Inspection Unit report, and the United Nations Environment Programme management response;	Completed
	2. *Requests* the Executive Director, within existing resources, to: (a) Brief the Committee, before the end of the first quarter of 2026, on the initiatives taken to strengthen the United	Completed

	Nations Environment Programme's science function, including the results of the process of consolidation of the Early Warning and Assessment Division's relevant functions with the Chief Scientist Office and the reassignment of its project-based operations to other divisions and offices;	
	(b) Continue to brief the Committee on the organizational functional review, including on the possible reduction of posts funded by the Environment Fund;	Completed
	(c) Present to the Committee, before the end of the second quarter of 2026, a monitoring framework for the "Policy for One UNEP Delivery for Better Collaboration and Country Support" that allows the assessment of progress against expected results;	Ongoing
	(d) Report to the Committee, before the end of the first quarter of 2026, disaggregated data on the affiliate personnel, with a view to providing Member States with a more comprehensive understanding of the composition and structure of the United Nations Environment Programme workforce;	Outstanding
	(e) Continue the development of an updated resource mobilization strategy by the end of 2025 and present a draft version thereof to the Committee before the seventh session of the United Nations Environment Assembly and present the final version to the Committee at its first quarterly meeting in 2026;	Ongoing
	3. *Requests* the secretariat, within existing resources, to: (a) Report, on a regular basis, on the status of implementation of decisions adopted by the Committee;	Ongoing
	(b) Invite, in collaboration with the Bureau of the Committee, representatives of the Office of Internal Oversight Services audit team to provide, as appropriate, an annual briefing to the Committee;	Ongoing
	(c) Include in its briefing on the forthcoming resource mobilization strategy relevant information on the United Nations Environment Programme's philanthropic engagement strategy, playbook for private sector engagement and partnership policy and the related due diligence procedures.	Completed
Decision 171/2 *Recommendations proposed by members of the Committee of Permanent Representatives at its subcommittee meetings*	1. *Takes note of* the work of the United Nations Environment Programme on technical support and capacity-building programmes for developing countries and requests the secretariat to present to the Committee, at its next quarterly meeting, possible options for scaling up resource mobilization to further such work in areas such as employing digital solutions for increased transparency, with the aim of enhancing data collection	Completed

(contained in document UNEP/CPR/172/2, annex)	and analytical processes and preparing relevant reports at the national level, for consideration by the Committee in the context of preparations for the seventh session of the United Nations Environment Assembly in full respect of the mandate of the United Nations Environment Programme;	
	2. *Requests* the secretariat, in future briefings, to give equal attention to all thematic programmes and provide all relevant information, including on the available budgets, in a balanced and consistent manner;	Ongoing
	3. *Also requests* the secretariat to provide a presentation on the work of the Climate Technology Centre and Network on capacity-building, technology and technology transfer;	Completed
	4. *Recommends* that the secretariat, in line with Environment Assembly resolution 6/14, address Member States' demands for effective action to tackle desertification, drought and land degradation and mitigate their effects, including by facilitating the mobilization of resources in accordance with Environment Assembly resolution 6/14, and to present options to the Committee for Member States' consideration on enhancing the relevant United Nations Environment Programme portfolio on desertification, drought and land degradation by mainstreaming and emphasizing the issues of desertification and drought into the United Nations Environment Programme medium-term strategy for the period 2026–2029 and related programmes of work and budget, avoiding duplication with the work of relevant multilateral environmental agreements, including the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa;	Completed
	5. *Recalls* the guidance on the organization of work for the Committee 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.	Ongoing
Decision 171/3 *Recommendations of the Committee of Permanent Representatives at its twelfth*	1. *Reaffirms* the request to the secretariat to include in future programme performance reports, in a consistent manner, lessons learned that address institutional learnings, programme performance learnings and partnership learnings relevant to the improvement by the	Completed

annual subcommittee meeting (contained in document UNEP/CPR/172/2, annex)	United Nations Environment Programme of its operations and performance;	
	2. *Also reaffirms* the need to improve the integration and linking of information on policy work, results, available financial resources and expenditure in future programme performance reports.	Ongoing