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Agenda 5

Note by the Secretariat on organization of work of Committee Bureau Members at the third meeting of the Open Ended Committee of Permanent Representatives

The Secretariat is pleased to present a note in support of discussions under agenda item 5 “Preparations for the third meeting of the Open-Ended Committee of Permanent Representatives. This note presents a proposal on organization of work for Committee Bureau Members at the meeting. It is intended to support discussions on the structure of the third meeting of the Open Ended Committee of Permanent Representatives. It proposes four contact groups on draft resolutions and decisions, facilitated by Bureau members of the Committee of Permanent Representatives on the understanding that no more than two contact groups would meet in parallel with the plenary during the Open-ended Committee meeting.

Proposal on organization of work of Committee Bureau Members at the third meeting of the Open-Ended Committee of Permanent Representatives ¹

RESPONSIBILITY/ BUREAU MEMBER	TASKS / DRAFT RESOLUTION OR DECISION
Plenary (H.E. Mr. John Moreti, Chair of the Committee)	Overall coordination Draft decisions on procedural matters: 1) Provisional agenda, date and venue of the fourth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly 2) Extension of the delivery date for the sixth Global Environment Outlook 3) Management of trust funds and earmarked contributions Draft resolutions: 1) Contributions of the United Nations Environment Assembly to the High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development
Contact group 1 (H.E. Mr. Raza Tarar)	2) Eliminating exposure to lead paint 3) Marine litter and microplastics 4) Pollution mitigation by mainstreaming biodiversity into key sectors; 5) Enhancing the work of the United Nations Environment Programme to promote the development and strengthening of water quality monitoring programmes and to encourage data sharing 6) Clean water for all, leaving no one behind 7) Accelerating efforts to address water pollution and to protect and restore water-related ecosystems
Contact group 2 (H.E. Ms. Elizabeth Taylor Jay)	8) Environment and health 9) Calling for the synchronization of objectives and activities, especially the meetings of the governing bodies, of the multilateral environmental agreements and protocols thereto, for the efficient implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and monitoring thereof, for cost reduction and for the effective participation of States Members of the United Nations 10) Strengthening health and environmental action in Asia and Pacific and supporting the initiatives of the Asia-Pacific regional forum on health and environment
Contact group 3 (H.E. Ms. Tarja Fernandez)	11) Substantially improving air quality in cities to within healthy levels for human exposure 12) Pollution prevention and control in areas affected by terrorist operations and armed conflicts 13) Preventing and reducing air pollution 14) Air pollution
Contact group 4 (H.E. Mr. Marek Garztecki)	15) Investing in innovative environmental solutions for accelerating implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals 16) Managing soil pollution to achieve sustainable development

¹ There may be changes in coordination by Bureau members should drafts resolutions on air and water pollution be merged on the basis of further review and ongoing consultations by proponents and interested parties.