

Note by the Secretariat on Way Forward to the Third Open-Ended Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives

This note sets out a proposed way forward to the Third Open-Ended Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives in the light of discussions at the 140th meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives held on 31 October 2017 and the Informal expanded Bureau meeting held on 2 November 2017. A revised Proposed Structure of the Third Open-Ended Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives is also attached.

It is proposed that in the period up to the third Open-Ended Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, informal consultations of interested delegations continue under the guidance of facilitators. Proponents are expected to take a leading role and take ownership of moving their draft resolutions forward.

Proposed dates for informal consultations on draft resolutions and decisions are as follows:

- a) 7 November 2017 (afternoon)
- b) 9 November 2017
- c) 14 November 2017
- d) 16 November 2017

An agenda including a list of draft resolutions or decisions to be considered would be distributed ahead of consultations. Proponents would be expected to provide an update on the status of consultations.

To enable Permanent Missions to make adequate preparations for their delegations both in terms of logistical arrangements and substantive briefings, 16 November 2017 would be the cut off point for the informal consultations.

Expected outcomes of consultations are: building political consensus on drafts; clarity on outstanding issues; consensual language and possibly revised versions of resolutions.

Should this proposal be agreeable to Member States, the following resolutions or decisions would be considered in the afternoon of 7 November 2017:

- 1) Pollution prevention and control in countries affected by terrorist acts and armed conflicts (submitted by Iraq and facilitated by Amb. Tarja Fernandez)
- 2) Marine litter and microplastics (submitted by Norway and facilitated by Amb. Raza Tarar)
- 3) Pollution mitigation by mainstreaming biodiversity into key sectors (submitted by Mexico and facilitated by Amb. Raza Tarar)
- 4) Extension of the delivery date for the sixth Global Environment Outlook (submitted by the Secretariat and facilitated by Amb. John Moreti)



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Provisional agenda for the third meeting of the Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda
2. Adoption of the minutes of the 140th meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives held on 31 October 2017.
3. Organization of work of the third meeting of the Open-Ended Committee of Permanent Representatives.
4. Preparation of draft resolutions for transmission to the third session of United Nations Environment Assembly.
5. Administrative and budgetary matters.
6. Update on the Sixth Global Environment Outlook.
7. Report on consultations on the Ministerial Declaration.
8. Budget and Programme Performance, including implementation of the Assembly's resolutions.
9. Adoption of Chair's Summary
10. Other matters.
11. Closure of the meeting.

¹ * The following structure has been amended to address comments at the 140th meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.



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Annotated provisional agenda of the third meeting of the Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

H.E. Mr. John Moreti, Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, High Commissioner and Permanent Representative of Botswana, is expected to open the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 29 November 2017. He will propose the adoption of the provisional agenda as set out in UNEP/OECPR.3/1.

2. Adoption of the minutes of the 140th meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives held on 31 October 2017.

The Chair will propose the adoption of the minutes of the 140th meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, as set out in UNEP/OECPR.3/2.

3. Organization of the work of the third meeting of the Open-Ended Committee of Permanent Representatives.

Under this agenda item, the meeting will discuss the organization of its work. It is expected to establish two working groups for the finalization of resolutions. The plenary may take early decision on resolutions that do not require discussion in a working group.

4. Preparation of draft resolutions for transmission to the third session of United Nations Environment Assembly.

The meeting will have before it a compilation of draft resolutions and decisions, which have been proposed by Member States for consideration and adoption at the third session of the United Nations Environment Assembly. During the organization of work of the meeting under the Agenda Item 3, these resolutions may be allocated to different working groups for negotiation. The compilation will be updated after the third meeting of the Open-Ended Committee of Permanent Representatives and transmitted to third Session of the United Nations Environment Assembly.

5. Administrative and budgetary issues.

The meeting may consider other relevant administrative and budgetary matters on the basis of a presentation by the Secretariat.

6. Update on the Sixth Global Environment Outlook.

The meeting is expected to consider the progress report of the Executive Director on the Sixth Edition on the Global Environment Outlook.

7. Report on consultations on the Ministerial Declaration.

The President of the United Nations Environment Assembly, H.E. Mr. Edgar Gutiérrez Espeleta, Minister of Environment and Energy of Costa Rica, is expected to update the Committee on the status of consultations on the Ministerial Declaration.

8. Budget and Programme Performance, including implementation of the Assembly's resolutions.

The Chair will invite the meeting to consider the following updates of the Executive Director, which have been prepared in response to the various decisions and resolutions of the previous sessions of the Environment Assembly:

- 1) Progress on the contribution of the UN Environment to the implementation of the delivering the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (EA.2/Res.5)
- 2) Update on progress made pursuant to the Assembly resolution on the role and functions of regional forums of ministers of the environment and environment authorities (EA.2/Res.2)
- 3) Update on progress to the Assembly resolution on investing in human capacity for sustainable development through environmental education and training (EA.2/Res.3)
- 4) Update on progress made pursuant to the Assembly resolutions on the role, functions and modalities for UN Environment implementation of the SAMOA Pathway as a mean of facilitating achievements of the Sustainable Development Goals (EA.2/Res.4)
- 5) Update in progress made pursuant to the Assembly resolution on the support to the implementation of the Paris Agreement (EA.2/Res.6)
- 6) Update on progress made pursuant to the Assembly Resolution on sound management of chemicals and waste (EA.2/Res.7)
- 7) Update on the implementation of United Nations Environment Assembly resolution on sustainable consumption and production (EA.2/Res.8)
- 8) Update on progress made pursuant to the Assembly Resolution on the prevention, reduction and reuse of food waste (EA.2/Res.9)
- 9) Proposal from the Executive Director on the United Nations Environment's 2011 marine and coastal strategy (replacement) pursuant the United Nations Environment Assembly resolution (EA.2/Res.10)
- 10) Update on progress made pursuant to the Assembly Resolutions on marine plastic litter and micro plastics (EA.2/Res.11)
- 11) Update on progress made pursuant to the Assembly Resolutions on sustainable coral reefs management (EA.2/Res.12)
- 12) Update on progress made pursuant to the Assembly Resolution on illegal trade in wildlife and wildlife products (EA.2/Res.14)
- 13) Update on progress made pursuant to the Assembly Resolution on the protection of the environment in areas affected by armed conflict (EA.2/Res.15)
- 14) Update on progress to the Assembly Resolution on enhancing the work of United Nations Environment in facilitating cooperation, collaboration and synergies among biodiversity related conventions (EA.2/Res.17)
- 15) Update on progress made pursuant to the Assembly Resolution on the relationship between the United Nations Environment and the multilateral agreements for which it provides the secretariat (EA.2/Res.18)
- 16) Update of the progress made pursuant to the Assembly Resolution on the Midterm review of the fourth Programme for the Development and Periodic Review of Environmental Law (Montevideo Programme IV) (EA.2/Res.19)
- 17) Update of the Executive Director on progress made pursuant to the Assembly Resolution on sand dust storm (EA.2/Res.21)
- 18) Progress made in the implementation of the recommendations and findings of the environment management group effectiveness report and the system-wide framework of strategies on the environment for the United Nations as set out in resolution 2/5 on delivering on the 2030 agenda for sustainable development.

19) Update of the executive director on progress made pursuant to the assembly resolution on combating desertification, land degradation and drought and promoting sustainable pastoralism and rangelands (Ea.2/res. 24)

9. Adoption of Chair's Summary

The meeting is expected to endorse a Chair's summary of the meeting.

10. Other matters.

The meeting will consider any other matters related to its work.

11. Closure of the meeting.

The meeting is expected to conclude its work by 6:00p.m.on Friday, 1 December 2017.

Proposed structure of the Third Open-Ended Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives

	Wednesday 29 November 2017	Thursday 30 November 2017	Friday 1 December 2017		
8:00 – 9:00	Regional Groups Meetings Bureau Meetings	Regional Groups Meetings Bureau Meetings	Regional Groups Meetings Bureau Meetings		
9:00 – 12:00	<p style="text-align: center;">Opening and Plenary</p> <p>Agenda item: 1 Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda</p> <p>Agenda item: 2 Adoption of minutes of the 140th meeting</p> <p>Agenda item: 3 Organization of work*</p> <p>Agenda item: 4 Preparation of draft resolutions</p> <p>Agenda item: 5 Administrative and budgetary matters</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Venue: TBD (ACEFRS)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Contact Group</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(10:00 – 12:30)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Draft resolutions</p> <p style="text-align: center;">E</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Contact Group</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Draft resolutions</p> <p style="text-align: center;">E</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Contact Group</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Draft resolutions</p> <p style="text-align: center;">E</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Contact Group</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Draft resolutions</p> <p style="text-align: center;">E</p>
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13:30 – 16:30	<p style="text-align: center;">Plenary</p> <p>Agenda item 6: Update on the Sixth Global Environment Outlook</p> <p>Agenda item 7: Report on consultations on the Ministerial Declaration</p> <p>Agenda item 8: Budget and Programme Performance</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Venue: TBD ACEFRS</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Contact Group</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(14:00 – 18:00)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Draft resolutions</p> <p style="text-align: center;">E</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Contact Group</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(14:00 – 18:00)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Draft resolutions</p> <p style="text-align: center;">E</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Contact Group</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(14:00 – 18:00)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Draft resolutions</p> <p style="text-align: center;">E</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Plenary (15:00 – 18:00)</p> <p>Agenda item 4: Continued</p> <p>Agenda item 7: Report on Consultations on Ministerial Declaration</p> <p>Agenda item 9: Adoption of Chair's summary</p> <p>Agenda item 10: Other matters</p> <p>Agenda item 11: Closure of the meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Venue: TBD (ACEFRS)</p>
18:00 - 21:00	<p style="text-align: center;">Consultations</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ministerial Outcome Document</p> <p style="text-align: center;">E</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Contact Group</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Draft resolutions</p> <p style="text-align: center;">E</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Consultations</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ministerial Outcome Document</p> <p style="text-align: center;">E</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Contact Group</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Draft resolutions</p> <p style="text-align: center;">E</p>	

ACEFRS: Refers to official languages of the United Nations Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish

*: Including allocation of draft resolutions to contact group

