

Committee of Permanent Representatives
Bureau Meeting
Friday 22 May 2020
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Online meeting

DRAFT SUMMARY

Agenda Item 1: Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda.

1. H.E. Mr. Fernando Coimbra, Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representative, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Brazil opened the meeting. The meeting agenda is available on the [meeting portal](#). The meeting was attended as follows:

Committee of Permanent Representatives Bureau members

H.E. Mr. Fernando Coimbra, Chair, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Brazil;
H.E. Ms. Saqlain Syedah, High Commissioner and Permanent Representative of Pakistan;
H.E. Ms. Julia Pataki, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Romania;
H.E. Ms. Francisca Ashietey-Odunton, Rapporteur, High Commissioner and Permanent Representative of Ghana;
Ms. Gudi Alkemade, Deputy Permanent Representative, representing H.E. Mr. Frans Makken, Vice Chair, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands;
Mr. Patrick Luna, Deputy Permanent Representative of Brazil;

Presidency of the UN Environment Assembly

H.E. Ms. Elin Bergithe Rognlie, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Norway;
Ms. Guri Sandborg, Deputy Permanent Representative of Norway;
Mr. Erlend Haugen, Programme Officer of the Norwegian Embassy

Co-facilitators for the consultations on the follow-up of UN General Assembly resolution 73/333

H.E. Ms. Saqlain Syedah, High Commissioner and Permanent Representative of Pakistan;
Mr. Ado Lohmus, Permanent Representative of Estonia;

UN Environment Programme Secretariat

Mr. Jorge Laguna-Celis, Secretary of Governing Bodies;
Mr. Ulf Björnholm, Deputy Secretary of Governing Bodies;
Mr. Stadler Trengove, Law Division;
Mr. Andrew Raine, Law Division.

2. The meeting adopted the draft [agenda](#).

Agenda Item 2: Follow-up on the UNGA resolution 73/333.

3. Having received on 19 May 2020 a letter from the co-facilitators on the preparations and dates for the first consultation meeting on the implementation of UN General Assembly resolution 73/333, the Bureau examined the proposal presented the co-facilitators. The Bureau noted that the dates proposed for the first substantive consultation (21-23 July 2020) departed from the roadmap adopted at the 149th meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (UNEP/CPR/149/5/Add.2/Rev.1), according to which that consultation was expected to “take place in the second half of June”. The Bureau also noted that the duration of three days differed from the duration of two days agreed upon by the CPR, as reflected in the adopted roadmap. The co-facilitators and the Secretariat informed that the meeting documentation would regrettably not be ready sufficiently in advance for the consultation to take place as originally envisaged due to, *inter alia*, the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Bureau was also informed that the virtual format proposed envisaged sessions of a shorter duration each, spacing the workload and facilitating the participation of delegates in different time zones, thus the recommendation for an additional day. It was further noted that an overlap with the High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (7-16 July 2020) would not be desirable.
4. Considering the time necessary to finalized the meeting documents and to allow adequate preparation by the member States, the Bureau agreed on the following:
 - The first substantive consultation will take place virtually on 21-23 July 2020, with half-day sessions, in order to allow the participation of delegates and stakeholders situated in different time zones, especially those not based in Nairobi.
 - The co-facilitators are also encouraged to meet with the full regional and political groups, as well as with stakeholders, in preparation of the first substantive consultation, tentatively planned for the first week of June.
 - The substantive agenda for the meeting should be clear and define the scope of the consultation, so as to allow for the adequate preparation of its participants.
 - The meeting documentation to be developed by the co-facilitators with the support of the Secretariat based on the objectives and recommendations contained in UN General Assembly resolution 73/333 should facilitate a structured debate. The meeting documents will be circulated one month in advance of the consultation.
 - The Secretariat should consult with UNON to explore possibilities for interpretation of the first substantive consultation in all UN languages.
5. The Chair thanked the co-facilitators for their efforts in the preparation of the informal consultation process under the auspices of the CPR on the follow-up of UN General Assembly resolution 73/333 and thanked the Bureau for their guidance and support.

Agenda Item 3: Other matters.

6. No other matters were raised.

Agenda Item 4: Closing of the Meeting.

7. The meeting is closed at 9:50 a.m.