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Note by the secretariat

1. Since the closure of the resumed fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the Committee of Permanent Representatives has held 10 regular meetings, including the resumed 160th meeting and the 162nd meeting. At all those meetings, except for the one directly preceding the sixth session of the Environment Assembly, the Committee considered a written report of the Executive Director of UNEP and engaged in an exchange of views with the Executive Director.
2. At the 158th meeting, on 26 May 2022, the Committee considered an assessment of and lessons learned from the resumed fifth session and the first special session of the Environment Assembly for the commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of UNEP. It also heard a briefing on the preparations for the international event marking the fiftieth anniversary of the 1972 United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, “Stockholm+50: a healthy planet for the prosperity of all – our responsibility, our opportunity”, and World Environment Day 2022.¹
3. At the 159th meeting, on 29 September 2022, the Committee considered the implementation of the following Environment Assembly resolutions:
 - (a) Resolution 5/2: Sustainable nitrogen management;
 - (b) Resolution 5/3: Future of the Global Environment Outlook;
 - (c) Resolution 5/5: Nature-based solutions for supporting sustainable development.²
4. At the 160th meeting, on 8 December 2022, the Committee adopted the Chair’s summary of the ninth annual subcommittee meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.³
5. At the resumed 160th meeting, on 12 January 2023, the Committee considered the implementation of paragraph 41 (j) of the Chair’s summary of the ninth annual subcommittee meeting of the Committee.⁴
6. At the 161st meeting, on 9 March 2023, the Committee considered the preparations for the sixth session of the Environment Assembly and continued its consideration of the implementation of

* UNEP/EA.6/1.

¹ See: www.unep.org/events/cpr-meetings/158th-meeting-committee-permanent-representatives.

² See: www.unep.org/events/cpr-meetings/159th-meeting-committee-permanent-representatives.

³ See: www.unep.org/events/cpr-meetings/160th-meeting-committee-permanent-representatives.

⁴ See: www.unep.org/events/cpr-meetings/resumed-160th-meeting-committee-permanent-representatives.

paragraph 41 (j) of the Chair's summary of the ninth annual subcommittee meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives. It also discussed the contribution of the Environment Assembly to the high-level political forum on sustainable development.⁵

7. At the 162nd meeting, on 16 June 2023, the Committee elected the Chair, three Vice-Chairs and the Rapporteur of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to serve for a two-year term beginning on 1 July 2023 and ending on 30 June 2025.⁶

8. At the resumed 162nd meeting, on 31 October 2023, the Committee considered the financial outlook and funding challenges for UNEP and the follow-up to the ninth annual subcommittee meeting of the Committee. It also continued its consideration of the implementation of paragraph 41 (j) of the Chair's summary of the ninth annual subcommittee meeting of the Committee.⁷

9. At the 163rd meeting, on 31 October 2023, the Committee was briefed on the updated preparations for the sixth session of the Environment Assembly.⁸

10. At the 164th meeting, on 25 January 2024, the Committee adopted the Chair's summary of the tenth annual subcommittee meeting.⁹

11. At the 165th meeting, on 25 January 2024, the Committee considered the preparations for the upcoming sixth session of the Environment Assembly.¹⁰

12. The Committee also convened the ninth and tenth annual subcommittee meetings, held from 24 to 28 October 2022 and from 20 to 24 November 2023, respectively. During those meetings, the Committee considered the state of implementation of the UNEP programme of work and budget for the biennium 2022–2023 and preparations for the sixth session of the Environment Assembly.

13. At the sixth meeting of the Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives, which took place from 19 to 23 February 2024, the Committee took note of the UNEP organization of work, the budget and programme performance, including with regard to the implementation of Environment Assembly resolutions, and considered administrative and budgetary matters, contributions to the meetings of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, and the preparation of draft decisions and draft outcomes of the Environment Assembly at its sixth session.

⁵ See: www.unep.org/events/cpr-meetings/161-meeting-committee-permanent-representatives.

⁶ See: www.unep.org/events/cpr-meetings/162nd-meeting-committee-permanent-representatives.

⁷ See: www.unep.org/events/cpr-meetings/resumed-162nd-meeting-committee-permanent-representatives.

⁸ See: www.unep.org/events/cpr-meetings/163rd-meeting-committee-permanent-representatives.

⁹ See: www.unep.org/events/cpr-meetings/164th-meeting-committee-permanent-representatives.

¹⁰ See: www.unep.org/events/cpr-quarterly-meetings/165th-meeting-committee-permanent-representatives.