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## **Chapter I**

### **Introduction**

1. By its resolution 64/236, the General Assembly decided to organize, in 2012, the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, and to establish a preparatory committee to carry out the preparations for the Conference. The first session of the Preparatory Committee was held from 17 to 19 May 2010 (see A/CONF.216/PC/5) and the second session was held on 7 and 8 March 2011 (see A/CONF.216/PC/9).

2. By its resolution 66/197, the General Assembly decided that the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development should be held from 20 to 22 June 2012 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and that the third session of the Preparatory Committee should be held from 13 to 15 June 2012 in Rio de Janeiro. The third session was held on 15 June 2012.

## Chapter II

### Organizational and other matters

#### A. Opening and duration of the session

3. The Preparatory Committee held its third and final session on 15 June 2012. It held one meeting.
4. The session was chaired by the Co-Chair, John Ashe (Antigua and Barbuda).

#### B. Agenda and organization of work

5. At the meeting on 15 June 2012, the Preparatory Committee adopted the provisional agenda for its third session, as contained in document A/CONF.216/PC/10, and approved its organization of work. The agenda was as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Draft outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development.
4. Provisional rules of procedure of the Conference.
5. Other matters.
6. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee on its third session.

6. At the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee approved the requests for accreditation of the following intergovernmental organizations to participate as observers in the work of the Preparatory Committee: the Central African Forests Commission, the Central American Bank for Economic Integration and the Mekong River Commission.

#### **Oral decision on the accreditation of intergovernmental organizations accredited with the World Summit on Sustainable Development, to the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development preparatory process, at the first special intersessional meeting of the Preparatory Committee**

7. The Preparatory Committee held its first special intersessional meeting on 15 December 2011. At that meeting, upon the proposal of the Co-Chair (Antigua and Barbuda), the Preparatory Committee adopted an oral decision to invite those intergovernmental organizations that were accredited to the World Summit on Sustainable Development to participate as observers in the preparatory process for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development.

#### C. Election of officers

8. At the meeting on 15 June 2012, the Preparatory Committee elected by acclamation Mootaz Ahmadein Khalil (Egypt) and Josefina Bunge (Argentina) as Vice-Chairs to take the place of Maged A. Abdelaziz (Egypt) and Ana Bianchi



(Argentina), respectively, who had resigned from their positions as members of the Bureau.

**Election of officers at the special intersessional meetings of the Preparatory Committee**

9. At its first special intersessional meeting, held on 15 December 2011, the Committee heard a statement by the Co-Chair (Antigua and Barbuda), following which it elected, by acclamation, Kim Sook (Republic of Korea), as Co-Chair, to complete the unexpired term of Park In-kook (Republic of Korea).

10. Also at its first special meeting, the Committee elected, by acclamation, Bedrich Moldan (Czech Republic) and Keith Christie (Canada) as Vice-Chairs, to complete the unexpired terms of Jiri Hlavacek (Czech Republic) and John Matuszak (United States of America), respectively.

11. At its second special intersessional meeting, held on 25 January 2012, the Preparatory Committee elected, by acclamation, Munawar Saeed Bhatti (Pakistan) to replace Asad Majeed Khan (Pakistan) who had resigned from the Bureau.

**D. Attendance**

12. The list of participants to the third session of the Preparatory Committee is contained in document A/CONF.216/PC/INF/3.

**E. Conclusion of the session**

13. At the meeting, on 15 June 2012, a statement was made by the Secretary-General of the Conference, Sha Zukang, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs.

**F. Documentation**

14. The list of documents before the third session of the Preparatory Committee is contained in the annex.

## **Chapter III**

### **Action taken by the Preparatory Committee**

#### **A. Draft outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development**

15. At the same meeting, on 15 June 2012, the Preparatory Committee decided to authorize the host Government, Brazil, to continue, starting on 16 June 2012, with the negotiations on the draft outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development.

16. Also at the same meeting, a statement was made by the Minister for External Relations of Brazil, Antonio de Aguiar Patriota.

#### **B. Provisional rules of procedure of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development**

17. At the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee decided to recommend to the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development the adoption of the provisional rules of procedure on the understanding that the text of rules 1, 21, 24, 25, 33, 35, 36, 37, 39, 47 and 60 would remain between square brackets and be the subject of further consultations among Member States, given the fact that no agreement had been reached on the text contained within those brackets (see A/CONF.216/2).

## **Chapter IV**

### **Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee on its third session**

18. Also at the same meeting, the Rapporteur of the Preparatory Committee, Tania Valerie Raguž (Croatia), introduced the draft report of the Preparatory Committee on its third session (A/CONF.216/PC/L.6).

### **Action taken by the Committee**

19. At the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee approved the draft report and entrusted the Rapporteur, in collaboration with the Bureau and the Secretariat, with its finalization.

**Annex****List of documents before the third session of the Preparatory Committee**

<i>Document symbol</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Title or description</i>
A/CONF.216/PC/10	2	Annotated provisional agenda
A/CONF.216/PC/11	5	Letter dated 24 May 2012 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General
A/CONF.216/PC/L.6	6	Draft report of the third session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
A/CONF.216/PC/INF/3		List of participants





