

1. On 31 May 2019 the United Nations Habitat Assembly requested “*the Executive Director to submit for approval by the Executive Board at its first session of 2020 (a) an accountability framework, along with monitoring and evaluation mechanisms for assessing the implementation of the framework*”. The Executive Board reiterated the request in its decision 2019/1.
2. As a Programme of the United Nations Secretariat, UN-Habitat is governed by the existing UN Secretariat Accountability system. UN-Habitat also developed in 2015 a Programme Accountability Framework which is meant to be specific to UN-Habitat and complement the UN Secretariat system (**see attached Annex 1**).
3. UN-Habitat sees the opportunity to update and strengthen its Accountability Framework and realign it with the requirements of the Strategic Plan 2020-2023, its vision and mission statement (2019) and other institutional and governance developments.
4. However UN-Habitat is unable to complete the revised Accountability Framework (2020) in time for the March session of the Executive Board due to the ongoing restructuring. The organizational structure is an important component of the Accountability Framework as it clarifies organizational and individual roles and responsibilities and the related authorities.
5. UN-Habitat is committed to finalize the Accountability Framework (2020) along with monitoring and evaluation mechanisms for assessing its implementation for the next session of the Executive Board.