



Committee of Permanent Representatives to the
United Nations Human Settlements Programme
First open-ended meeting/High-level midterm review
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Proposed draft outcomes of the high-level midterm review¹

Draft Recommendation 2021/1: Implementation of the resolutions adopted by the UN-Habitat Assembly at its first session

The Committee of Permanent Representatives

(a) **Implementation of resolutions adopted by the UN-Habitat Assembly at its first session**

1. *Takes note* of the update and the report by the Executive Director on the progress in the implementation of resolutions and decisions adopted during the first session of the UN-Habitat Assembly²;

2. *Recommends* the mobilization of financial resources, within the broader resource mobilization strategy, to accelerate the further implementation of UN-Habitat Assembly Resolution 1/2 on United Nations System-Wide Guidelines on Safer Cities and Human Settlements³, Resolution 1/3 on Enhancing capacity-building for the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the urban dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development⁴; Resolution 1/4 on achieving gender equality through UN-Habitat's work to support inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable cities and human settlements⁵ and Resolution 1/5 on enhancing urban rural linkages for *sustainable* urbanization⁶, in support of the UN-Habitat Strategic Plan 2020-2023;

(b) **Enhancing Capacity Building in a Covid-19 and post-Covid-19 world**

[3. *Recalls* Resolution 1/3 adopted by the UN-Habitat Assembly at its first session⁷ requesting for the development of a capacity building strategy, and paragraph 3 of Decision 2020/5 adopted by the Executive Board⁸, which adopted the draft strategy for 'Enhancing capacity-building for the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the urban dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development' and *takes note* of paragraph 4 of Decision 2021/3⁹ adopted by the Executive Board, which recommended the acceleration of the Programme's digital transformation and the mobilization of financial resources, within the broader resource mobilization strategy, to support the development of innovative capacity-building and learning tools;]

¹ The present document is being issued without formal editing

² HSP/OECPR.2021/4

³ HSP/HA.1/Res.2

⁴ HSP/HA.1/Res.3

⁵ HSP/HA.1/Res.4

⁶ HSP/HA.1/Res.5

⁷ HSP/HA.1/Res.3

⁸ HSP/EB.2020/29

⁹ HSP/EB.2021/11

4. Takes note of the progress made by UN-Habitat in the implementation of the Capacity Building Strategy for implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and the New Urban Agenda, and in particular the accelerated digitalization of its capacity development tools in response to the pandemic, while recognizing the limitations due to available resources;

5. *Recommends* the Executive Director to further develop the institutional anchoring of the capacity building as a cross-cutting function; to continue the integration into programming and quality assurance as a way also to increase the impact across the outcomes of the Strategic Plan; to promote innovation and new technologies for capacity building, in particular the use of digital capacity building tools and approaches; and to do so through strengthened stakeholder engagement and partnerships;

6. *Further recommends* UN-Habitat to facilitate a dialogue with Member States and relevant stakeholders on how to scale the financing of capacity building, in particular in developing countries and fragile settings, reviewing different sources to finance and leverage capacity building efforts;

7. *Requests* the Executive Director to report on the results of this recommendation in her report to the Executive Board on the implementation of Resolution 1/3.

(c) **Stakeholders engagement and Sustainable Development Goals localization in support of the Decade of Action**

8. *Acknowledges* that in a context of increasingly complex and intertwined crises that threaten to derail the progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), local and regional governments are crucial actors to build a more resilient future; and *takes note* of the importance to advance the localisation of the SDGs and accelerate the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the Paris Agreement;

9. *Encourages* UN-Habitat to work closely with local and regional governments, as well as their networks and associations, and other local stakeholders, to support their efforts towards a sustainable and inclusive, recovery and long-term resilience;

10. *Urges* UN-Habitat to fully engage in the UN development systems reform, including by participating in Common Country Analysis and United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework processes led by UN Resident Coordinators at the country level and by participating in joint UN programming.

{Placeholder}

[(d) **Implementation of the Ministerial Declaration]**

Draft Recommendation 2021/2: Implementation of Resolution 1/1 on the UN-Habitat Strategic Plan for the period 2020-2023

The Committee of Permanent Representatives

1. *Welcomes* the update and report of the Executive Director on the midterm review of the implementation of the strategic plan of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for the period 2020–2023¹⁰ and of the update of the Executive Director and annual progress report for 2020 on the implementation of the strategic plan of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for the period 2020–2023¹¹;

2. *Recognizes* that the COVID-19 pandemic demonstrates the value of the strategic plan, which serves as both a framework for recovery and a roadmap for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals;

3. *Recognizes* challenges associated with monitoring implementation of the Strategic Plan, the results framework, and means of verification of certain indicators;

4. *Acknowledges* the sufficient XB earmarked funding to the organization yet lack of XB non-earmarked funding that has severely restricted the organization to achieve balanced progress across the Strategic Plan and monitor its implementation [and urges UN-Habitat to present to the

¹⁰ HSP/OECPR.2021/2

¹¹ HSP/OECPR.2021/INF/2, HS/004/21E

Executive Board for its second session in 2021 a focused work programme for 2022 that is based on realistic assumptions]

Alt 4.

5. *Welcomes* the efforts made by UN-Habitat, taking into account the financial constraints, to strengthen integrated programming and synergies, contributing to different outcomes across the Strategic Plan;

6. *Welcomes* the efforts of UN-Habitat to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic in its technical assistance and in its strategic orientation, analysis, and contribution to UN systemwide coordination;

[7. *Recognizing* the importance of responding to new vulnerabilities and risks in terms of resilience and climate change, and of creating conditions for long-term sustainable and inclusive recovery;]

[Alt 7. *Encourages* UN-Habitat to further adjust and strengthen its support to Member States in responding to new vulnerabilities and risks in terms of resilience and climate change, and of creating conditions for sustainable and inclusive recovery in response to the pandemic and to accelerate progress towards the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;]

8. *Calls* upon UN-Habitat to strengthen the analysis of linkages among its operational and normative activities to increase the impact of its work across the relevant outcomes of the Strategic Plan in support of sustainable and inclusive recovery.

Draft Recommendation 2021/3: Secretary-General's Quadrennial Report on the Implementation of the New Urban Agenda, the High-level meeting of the General Assembly to assess progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, and the eleventh session of the World Urban Forum

The Committee of Permanent Representatives

1. *Welcomes* the update and report of the Executive Director on the update on the preparation of the quadrennial report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda;¹²

2. *Takes note* of paragraph 17 of the General Assembly resolution 75/224 on the implementation of the outcomes of the United Nations Conferences on Human Settlements and on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) and *welcomes* the update of the Executive Director on the preparations of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly to assess progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda;¹³

3. *Recognizes* the importance of utilizing the Regional Forums for Sustainable Development in each of the five regions convened by the respective Regional Economic Commissions to prepare inputs to the High-Level Meeting as called for by General Assembly resolution 75/224.

[4. *Recommends* that the Secretary-General's Quadrennial Report on the Implementation of the New Urban Agenda, the High-Level Meeting of the General Assembly on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, and the 11th Session of the World Urban Forum be aligned strategically to strengthen the implementation the New Urban Agenda to accelerate the Paris Agreement and the Decade of Action for Sustainable Development.]

{Placeholder: Acknowledgement of national reports received so far}

5. *Reiterates* its support for the World Urban Forum process and commitment to providing continued cooperation to the next hosts while recognizing that it is the foremost global arena for interaction among policymakers, local government leaders, non-governmental stakeholders and expert practitioners in the field of human settlements and *recommends* the Executive Director to continue implementing World Urban Forum results-based approach and pursuing action-oriented outcome documents that contribute to the implementation of the Agenda 2030 and the New Urban Agenda.

¹² HSP/OECPR.2021/3

¹³ A/RES/75/224

Draft Recommendation 2021/4: Dates and Agenda of the second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly and the dates and agenda for the next Open-Ended CPR meeting

The Committee of Permanent Representatives

(a) Dates and Agenda of the second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly

1. *Recalls* paragraph 1 of Decision 1/3 on the arrangements for the transition towards the new governance structure of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme adopted by the UN-Habitat Assembly in May 2019¹⁴ and *notes* that the UN-Habitat Assembly decided that the dates of its second session shall be 5 to 9 June 2023;

2. *Further recalls* paragraph 7 of Decision 1/3 and *recommends* that the provisional Agenda for the second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly shall be as follows:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Report of the Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.
4. Credentials of representatives.
5. Elections of members of the Executive Board.
6. Adoption of the report of the Executive Board.
7. Activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, including coordination matters and progress in implementation of resolutions adopted at the first session of the UN-Habitat Assembly.
8. Review of progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
9. Reports on the World Urban Forum.
10. Dialogue on the special theme for the second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly.
11. Strategic plan of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and alignment of UN-Habitat planning cycles with the Quadrennial comprehensive Review
12. Adoption of the report of the United Nations Habitat Assembly.
13. Provisional agenda and other arrangements for the third session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly.
14. Election of officers.
15. Other matters.
16. Closure of the session.

(b) Dates and Agenda of the next open-ended meeting of the Committee

3. *Decides* that the dates of the next meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives shall be 29 May to 2 June 2023;

[4. *Also decides* that the provisional Agenda for the next open-ended meeting of the Committee shall be as follows:

1. Opening of the meeting:
 - (a) Organizational matters;
 - (b) Adoption of the agenda and the workplan for the second open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives in preparations for the session of the UN-Habitat Assembly;

¹⁴ A/74/8

- (c) Adoption of the report of the Committee of Permanent Representatives on the work of its first open-ended meeting.
2. Review of the implementation of the strategic plan of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for the period 2020–2023;
3. Progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda:
 - (a) Preparation of the quadrennial report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda;
 - (b) Implementation of the ministerial declaration adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly at its first session;
4. Progress in the implementation of the decisions and resolutions adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly at its first session;
5. Status of preparations for the upcoming session of the UN-Habitat Assembly;
6. Draft resolutions, declarations, recommendations and decisions to be discussed during the second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly;
7. Alignment of the planning cycles of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme with the quadrennial comprehensive policy review process;
8. Dates and provisional agenda for the third session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly;
9. Election of officers of the Bureau;
10. Other matters.
11. Closure of the meeting.]

[Alt 4. *Also decides* that the provisional Agenda for the next open-ended meeting of the Committee shall be as follows:

1. Opening of the meeting:
 - (a) Organizational matters;
 - (b) Adoption of the agenda and the workplan for the second open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives in preparations for the session of the UN-Habitat Assembly;
2. Adoption of the report of the Committee of Permanent Representatives on the work of its first open-ended meeting.
3. Strategic plan of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme:
 - (a) Implementation of the Strategic Plan for the period 2020–2023;
 - (b) Status of preparations of the next strategic plan by the Executive Board;
 - (c) Alignment of the planning cycles of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme with the quadrennial comprehensive policy review process;
4. Review of the status of preparations for the second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly;
5. Preparation of resolutions, declarations and decisions of the second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly including dates and provisional agenda for the third session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly;
6. Election of officers of the Bureau;
7. Consideration of a draft Chair’s summary;
8. Other matters.
9. Closure of the meeting.]

Draft Decision 2021/5: Election of officers of the Bureau of the Committee of Permanent Representatives for the term 2021-2023

The Committee of Permanent Representatives

1. *Decides* to elect from among its members and taking into consideration the need to ensure equitable geographical representation, holding office starting at the end of the high-level midterm review of the year 2021, the new Bureau of the Committee as follows:

Chair: _____ for Western European and other States;

Vice-Chairs: _____ for African States; _____ for Asia-Pacific States; _____ for Latin American and Caribbean States;

Rapporteur: _____ for Eastern Europe States.
