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I. Introduction

1. In its resolution [73/239](#), the General Assembly of the United Nations decided to dissolve the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) as a subsidiary organ of the General Assembly and to replace it with the United Nations Habitat Assembly of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat Assembly), and also decided that the first session of the UN-Habitat Assembly would be held in May 2019. In the same resolution, the General Assembly welcomed the report of the Open-ended Working Group, established by the Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to UN-Habitat pursuant to General Assembly resolution [72/226](#), on changing the governance structure of UN-Habitat ([A/73/726](#)), and endorsed its findings and recommendations, which included that the governing body of UN-Habitat should have universal intergovernmental membership and convene in Nairobi, during a five-day period, every four years.

2. Accordingly, the first session of the UN-Habitat Assembly was held at the headquarters of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme in Nairobi from 27 to 31 May 2019.

II. Organization of the session (agenda items 1–9)

A. Opening of the session (agenda item 1)

3. The session was opened at 10.10 a.m. on Monday, 27 May 2019, by Ms. Maimunah Mohamed Sharif, Executive Director of UN-Habitat and acting Director General of the United Nations Office at Nairobi.

B. Election of the President of the United Nations Habitat Assembly (agenda item 2)

4. At its 1st plenary meeting, the UN-Habitat Assembly elected by acclamation Ms. Martha Delgado Peralta (Mexico) to serve as President of the UN-Habitat Assembly at its first session.

C. Opening ceremony

5. Following the election of the President, an opening ceremony took place, moderated by Mr. James Ohayo, Communications Officer, UN-Habitat. The ceremony consisted of a short video presentation on the history of UN-Habitat; a statement on the endangered language and culture of the Mi'kmaq people, delivered by a representative of Mi'kmaq youth, Ms. Emma Stephens (Canada), who also gave a musical performance; the first steps of a week-long interactive exercise on the redesigning of public spaces at the United Nations Office at Nairobi complex, led by Ms. Shipra Narang Suri, Coordinator, Urban Planning and Design Branch, UN-Habitat; a short video on the overarching theme of the current session, "Innovation for better quality of life in cities and communities", prepared by the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination; and a musical performance by the Kenya Angklung Girls' Chorale.

D. Opening statements

6. Opening statements were delivered by Ms. Delgado Peralta (Mexico), President of the UN-Habitat Assembly; Ms. Maimunah Mohamed Sharif, acting Director-General of the United Nations Office at Nairobi and Executive Director of UN-Habitat, in her capacity as acting Director-General of the United Nations Office at Nairobi; Mr. António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations, via video message; Ms. Joyce Msuya, acting Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP); Mr. Ridwan Kamil, Governor of West Java, Indonesia; Ms. Sona Jobarteh, UN-Habitat Goodwill Ambassador; Ms. Sharif, in her capacity as Executive Director of UN-Habitat; and Mr. Uhuru Kenyatta, President of Kenya.

E. Attendance

7. The following 124 Member States of the UN-Habitat Assembly were represented: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Botswana, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Czechia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Paraguay, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

8. Observers to UN-Habitat for the Holy See, the Sovereign Order of Malta and the State of Palestine also participated.

9. The following United Nations bodies were represented: Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia; Economic and Social Council; Economic Commission for Africa; Economic Commission for Europe; Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; International Civil Aviation Organization; International Organization for Migration; International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals; Office of Internal Oversight Services; United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia; UN-Women; United Nations Capital Development Fund; United Nations Children's Fund; United Nations Development Programme; United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; United Nations Environment Programme; United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees; United Nations Office at Geneva; United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction; United Nations Office for Project Services; United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs; United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime; United Nations Population Fund; World Bank Group; World Food Programme.

10. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented: African Caribbean and Pacific Group of States, African Development Bank; African Union;

Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf; European Union; League of Arab States; Shelter Afrique.

11. The first session of the UN-Habitat Assembly was attended by 124 Member States of the UN-Habitat Assembly, 3 observers, 7 intergovernmental organizations and 29 United Nations entities. A full list of those attending the session may be found in the list of participants (HSP/HA/1/INF/8).

F. Report of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (agenda item 3)

12. Mr. Fernando Estellita Lins de Salvo Coimbra (Brazil), Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, reported on the work of the Committee during the intersessional period between the twenty-sixth session of the Governing Council and the first session of the UN-Habitat Assembly. He drew attention to the information contained in documents HSP/HA/1/3 and the addendums thereto on the work of the Committee during the intersessional period, and reported on the Committee's work in preparing draft rules of procedure for the UN-Habitat Assembly and for its executive board, set out in documents HSP/HA/1/8 and HSP/HA/1/9, respectively. He recommended that the three draft resolutions discussed by the Committee be forwarded to a drafting committee, if the Assembly decided to establish such a sessional organ for their finalization, and he drew attention to a draft ministerial declaration recommended by the Committee, for subsequent consideration under the leadership of the President of the UN-Habitat Assembly and possible adoption by the Assembly, which, it was to be hoped, would send a strong political signal on the main theme of the session.

13. He recalled that the General Assembly, in its resolution [72/226](#), had requested the Chair of the Committee to establish an open-ended Working Group to examine different options for strengthening Member States' oversight of UN-Habitat and to make available its findings and recommendations to Member States by 30 June 2018. The report on the work of the open-ended Working Group ([A/73/726](#)) had been fully endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution [73/239](#). In that resolution, the General Assembly had decided that the Committee would prepare draft rules of procedure for the UN-Habitat Assembly with a view to their adoption at the first session of the Assembly. Accordingly, the Committee had prepared draft rules of procedure and recommended that the UN-Habitat Assembly adopt those rules of procedure by consensus without delay to enable the smooth conduct of business at the current session, and it had also referred the draft rules of procedure of the Executive Board to that body for its consideration and possible subsequent endorsement by the Assembly.

14. The Committee recommended that the Assembly at its first session proceed to elect, on an exceptional basis, the Bureau of the Committee of Permanent Representatives for the period 2019–2021, as well as its own Bureau. In that regard, the Committee had agreed that the principle of regional rotation be maintained in the leadership of all the governing bodies of UN-Habitat, such that the bureaux of the governing bodies of UN-Habitat would preferably be chaired by Member States from different regional groups, and that at no time would any one Member State chair more than one governing body.

15. He highlighted additional recommendations, including that the Assembly consider dissolving the working group on programme and budget, in the light of the new governance structure of UN-Habitat, and transferring the oversight responsibility to an executive board; that it request the executive board to consider the final progress report on the strategic plan for the period 2014–2019 and any evaluations of that plan;

that it consider aligning the cycle of the strategic plan of UN-Habitat to the cycle of the Assembly, reducing it to a four-year strategic plan rather than a six-year plan, beginning by shortening the current strategic plan for the period 2020–2025 to a duration of four years, from 2020 to 2023, and that, at its first session, the Assembly examine ways and means of providing policy guidance on the accelerated implementation of the New Urban Agenda and on the urban dimensions of the 2030 Agenda.

16. In closing, he recommended that consideration be given by the Assembly to the extension of the discussions on the draft stakeholder engagement policy, including accreditation, inviting Ms. Lori Dando (United States of America) to provide an overview of the Committee's discussions under her leadership on the policy.

17. Ms. Dando said that, pursuant to Governing Council resolution 26/7, the subcommittee's working group of friends of the Chair dealing with the draft stakeholder engagement policy had met several times with the goal of creating a policy that was fair and understandable and supported the work of UN-Habitat. Although significant progress had been made, the work remained unfinished, and the working group therefore recommended that its work be delegated to the executive board and continue in order to achieve consensus on a policy, which, it was to be hoped, would become a model for other United Nations entities.

G. Adoption of the rules of procedure of the United Nations Habitat Assembly (agenda item 4)

18. At its 2nd plenary meeting, the UN-Habitat Assembly adopted its rules of procedure on the basis of the draft rules that had been circulated (HSP/HA/1/8).

19. The rules of procedure, as adopted by the UN-Habitat Assembly in its decision 1/1, are set out in the annex to the decision (HSP/HA/1/HLS.2).

H. Adoption of the agenda (agenda item 5)

20. At its 2nd plenary meeting, in accordance with rule 13 of its rules of procedure, the UN-Habitat Assembly adopted the following agenda, on the basis of the provisional agenda (HSP/HA/1/1), as orally amended:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Election of the President of the United Nations Habitat Assembly.
3. Report of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.
4. Adoption of the rules of procedure of the United Nations Habitat Assembly.
5. Adoption of the agenda.
6. Election of officers.
7. Credentials of representatives and appointment of members of the credentials committee.
8. Organization of work, including the establishment of an executive board and the adoption of its rules of procedure.
9. Election of the members of the Executive Board.
10. Activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, including coordination matters.

11. Review of progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
12. Report of the World Urban Forum.
13. Dialogue on the special theme for the first session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly.
14. Strategic plan of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for the period 2020–2025.
15. Provisional agenda and other arrangements for the second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly.
16. Adoption of the report of the session and the report of the first meeting of the Executive Board.
17. Other matters.
18. Closure of the session.

I. Election of officers (agenda item 6)

21. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on the afternoon of Monday, 27 May 2019, the UN-Habitat Assembly elected the following Member States to serve at its first session:

Vice-Presidents: Germany
Ghana
Poland

Rapporteur: China

22. Pursuant to rule 18, according to which the five members of the Bureau of the Committee of Permanent Representatives would jointly serve as Vice-Presidents of the Bureau of the Assembly, and reflecting the need to make the transition to the new governance structure of UN-Habitat, the Bureau of the Committee of Permanent Representatives was elected, on an exceptional basis, to serve until the end of the mid-term high-level review meeting of the Committee, to be held in 2021, as follows:

Chair: Eritrea

Vice-Chairs: Bangladesh
Serbia
Costa Rica

The position of Rapporteur remained vacant pending the nomination of the representative of the Western European and other States.

23. Also at the 2nd plenary meeting, the representative of Eritrea announced that the African States had agreed that Eritrea would chair the Bureau of the Committee for the first two years, following which the position would be taken over by the United Republic of Tanzania for the remaining two years of the four-year term.

J. Credentials of representatives and appointment of members of the credentials committee (agenda item 7)

24. At the 9th plenary meeting, on the afternoon of Friday, 31 May 2019, the Chair reported that the Bureau had received and examined the credentials of representatives and alternate representatives attending the first session of the UN-Habitat Assembly

submitted by Member States in accordance with rule 16 of the rules of procedure of the UN-Habitat Assembly. As of 30 May 2019, 41 Member States had submitted formal credentials issued by the Head of State or Government or Minister of Foreign Affairs to the Executive Director of UN-Habitat. A total of 68 Member States had not communicated any information regarding their representatives to the Executive Director. The Bureau recommended that the Assembly accept the credentials of the Member States.

25. The UN-Habitat Assembly approved the report of the Bureau on credentials at its 9th plenary meeting, held on the afternoon of Friday, 31 May 2019.

K. Organization of work, including the establishment of an executive board and the adoption of its rules of procedure (agenda item 8)

26. At its 2nd plenary meeting, in accordance with Governing Council resolution 19/8, the Assembly decided to approve the accreditation of the non-governmental organizations that, while not in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, wished to participate in the work of UN-Habitat, as listed in the letter of the Executive Director dated 26 April 2019.

27. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 28 May 2019, the Assembly decided to establish a drafting committee to consider the draft resolutions that had been submitted to the Assembly.

28. At its 9th plenary meeting, on the afternoon of Friday, 31 May 2019, in its decision 1/2, the UN-Habitat Assembly endorsed the rules of procedure of the Executive Board on the basis of the draft rules that had been circulated (HSP/HA/1/9). The rules of procedure of the Executive Board are set out, as adopted, in the annex to decision 1/2 (HSP/HA/1/HLS.3).

L. Work of the drafting committee

29. The drafting committee held six meetings during the session and considered one draft decision and six draft resolutions, three of which had previously been considered by the Committee of Permanent Representatives. It reached consensus on five draft resolutions and one draft decision. The drafting committee was chaired by Mr. Coimbra.

M. Election of members of the Executive Board (agenda item 9)

30. At its 2nd and 7th plenary meetings, the UN-Habitat Assembly elected by acclamation the 36 members of the Executive Board, taking into account the distribution of seats described in the report on the work of the Open-ended Working Group ([A/73/726](#)), which was endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution [73/239](#), as follows: 10 seats for the African States; 8 seats for the Asia Pacific States; 4 seats for the Eastern European States; 6 seats for the Latin American and Caribbean States; and 8 seats for the Western European and other States.

31. Accordingly, the Assembly elected the representatives of the following Member States as members of the Board:

(a) From the African States: Angola, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Morocco, Nigeria, Senegal;

(b) From the Asia-Pacific States: China, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Japan, Pakistan, Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka. The Chair of the Asia-

Pacific States informed the meeting that the group had agreed that Bahrain and Indonesia would share a seat, with Indonesia serving for the first two years of the four-year term and Bahrain for the following two years;

(c) From the Eastern European States: Poland, Romania, the Russian Federation and Serbia;

(d) From the Latin American and Caribbean States: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Mexico and Uruguay;

(e) From the Western European and other States: Canada, France, Germany, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Turkey and the United States of America.

32. At its 2nd plenary meeting, the UN-Habitat Assembly further decided to forward the draft rules of procedure of the Executive Board (HSP/HA/1/9) to the Board for consideration and possible adoption, and for subsequent consideration and possible endorsement by the Assembly.

33. At its 7th plenary meeting, on the morning of Thursday, 30 May 2019, following the election to the Executive Board of members from the Eastern European States, the representative of Ukraine, objecting to aspects of the election, proposed that a vote be taken on the matter. The President of the Assembly, citing rule 42 on points of order of the Assembly's rules of procedure, put the proposal by Ukraine to a vote by acclamation. Noting only one objection thereto, she declared that her ruling regarding the election would stand. Subsequently, the representative of Ukraine delivered a statement, requesting that it be reflected in the proceedings of the session (HSP/HA/1/10). The statement is available on the UN-Habitat website at <https://unhabitat.org/key-messages-speeches-media/>.

N. Work of the Executive Board

34. The Executive Board of UN-Habitat held its first meeting on the afternoon of Thursday, 30 May 2019. The report of the Executive Board on the work of its first meeting is set out in document HSP/EB/1/4.

III. Activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, including coordination matters (agenda item 10)

35. At the 2nd plenary meeting, the Executive Director gave a presentation on the activities of UN-Habitat, including coordination matters, outlining the information in the relevant documentation.

IV. Review of progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (agenda item 11)

36. At the 2nd plenary meeting, the Executive Director gave a presentation, outlining the information in the report on progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (HSP/HA/1/4) since May 2018.

V. Report of the World Urban Forum (agenda item 12)

37. The UN-Habitat Assembly took up the item at its 3rd plenary meeting, on the morning of Tuesday, 28 May 2019. The Executive Director gave a presentation, outlining the information in the relevant documents.

VI. High-level segment and dialogue on the special theme for the first session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly (agenda item 13)

A. High-level segment

38. The high-level segment of the UN-Habitat Assembly was inaugurated by the President of Kenya, Mr. Kenyatta, on the morning of Monday, 27 May 2019. The UN-Habitat Assembly began its high-level debate at its 2nd plenary meeting, on the afternoon of Monday, 27 May 2019

39. Ministers and high-level representatives delivered statements addressing the overarching theme of the first session of the UN-Habitat Assembly, “Innovation for better quality of life in cities and communities”, and the sub-theme, “Accelerated implementation of the New Urban Agenda towards achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals”. The general debate continued at its 3rd, 4th, 7th and 8th plenary meetings, on the morning and afternoon of Tuesday, 28 May, the afternoon of Thursday, 30 May, and the morning of Friday, 31 May 2019, respectively (HSP/HA/1/10, annex IV). The statements are available on the UN-Habitat website at <https://unhabitat.org/key-messages-speeches-media/>.

B. High-level interactive dialogues

40. The third day of the session, Wednesday 29 May 2019, took the form of an interactive high level segment, comprising a dialogue on the special theme of the first session, “Innovation for better quality of life in cities and communities”. The President of Kenya, Mr. Kenyatta; the President of South Sudan, Mr. Salva Kiir Mayardit; the Prime Minister of Fiji, Mr. Frank Bainimarama; and the Prime Minister of Yemen, Mr. Maeen Abdulmalik Saeed, participated in the first part of the interactive high-level segment. Thereafter, three high-level interactive strategic dialogues were held, the first of which was a policy segment on the theme of “Creating an enabling environment for innovation”, the second of which was a cities and communities segment on the theme of “Implementation, partnerships and good practices”, and the third of which was a business segment on the theme of “Investing in urban innovation” (HSP/HA/1/10, annex V).

VII. Strategic plan of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for the period 2020–2025 (agenda item 14)

41. At the 3rd plenary meeting, introducing the item, the Executive Director drew attention to the draft strategic plan for the period 2020–2025 (HSP/HA/1/7), which was before the Assembly for its consideration and possible approval, noting that the draft plan had been endorsed by the Committee of Permanent Representatives at its seventy-first regular meeting, held on 6 December 2018.

42. At its 9th plenary meeting, on the afternoon of Friday, 31 May 2019, the UN-Habitat Assembly adopted resolution 1/1 on the United Nations Human Settlements Programme strategic plan for the period 2020–2023 (HSP/HA/1/Res.1), in which the duration of the strategic plan was reduced from six to four years to align with the cycle of sessions of the UN-Habitat Assembly.

VIII. Provisional agenda and other arrangements for the second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly (agenda item 15)

43. At its 9th plenary meeting, on the afternoon of Friday, 31 May 2019, the UN-Habitat Assembly adopted decision 1/3 on arrangements for the transition towards the new governance structure of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, which included the provisional agenda and other arrangements for the second session of the Assembly (see annex II).

IX. Adoption of the outcomes of the session

44. At its 9th plenary meeting, on the afternoon of Friday, 31 May 2019, the UN-Habitat Assembly adopted by consensus the ministerial declaration entitled “Innovation for better quality of life in cities and communities: accelerated implementation of the New Urban Agenda towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals”, which is available in document HSP/HA/1/HLS.1.

45. At its 9th plenary meeting, on the afternoon of Friday, 31 May 2019, the UN-Habitat Assembly adopted by consensus five resolutions and one decision. The individual resolutions are available in documents (HSP/HA/1/Res.1-HSP/HA/1/Res.5) and are available on the website of the UN-Habitat Assembly, together with decision 1/3. Decision 1/3 is reproduced in annex II to the present report.

<i>Resolution</i>	<i>Title</i>
1/1	United Nations Human Settlements Programme strategic plan for the period 2020–2023
1/2	United Nations System-Wide Guidelines on Safer Cities and Human Settlements
1/3	Enhancing capacity-building for the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the urban dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
1/4	Achieving gender equality through the work of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme to support inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable cities and human settlements
1/5	Enhancing urban-rural linkages for sustainable urbanization and human settlements
<i>Decision</i>	<i>Title</i>
1/3	Arrangements for the transition towards the new governance structure of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme

46. Following the adoption of the decision and resolutions, the representative of the United States delivered a statement, requesting that it be reflected in the proceedings of the session (HSP/HA/1/10). The statement is available from the UN-Habitat website at <https://unhabitat.org/key-messages-speeches-media/>.

47. Further statements were delivered by the representatives of Turkey, Kenya, Costa Rica, the European Union, Indonesia, Malawi, Niger and Ethiopia.

X. Adoption of the report of the session and the report of the first meeting of the Executive Board (agenda item 16)

48. At its 9th plenary meeting, on the afternoon of Friday, 31 May 2019, the UN-Habitat Assembly adopted the proceedings of the session and the report of the Executive Board of UN-Habitat on the work of its first meeting on the basis of the drafts that had been circulated and on the understanding that they would be completed and finalized by the Rapporteur, working in conjunction with the secretariat.

49. The representative of Argentina, speaking on behalf of Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Paraguay and Peru, members of the Lima Group, delivered a statement, requesting that it be reflected in the proceedings of the session (HSP/HA/1/10). The statement is available on the UN-Habitat website at <https://unhabitat.org/key-messages-speeches-media/>.

50. The representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, also made a statement, requesting that it be reflected in the proceedings of the session (HSP/HA/1/10). The statement is available on the UN-Habitat website at <https://unhabitat.org/key-messages-speeches-media/>.

51. The representative of the United States delivered a statement in support for the statement made by the representative of Argentina, requesting that her country be added to the list of signatories to that statement.

XI. Other matters (agenda item 17)

52. No other matters were discussed.

XII. Closure of the session (agenda item 18)

53. Following the customary exchange of courtesies, the session was declared closed at 5.15 p.m. on Friday, 31 May 2019.

Annex I

Outcomes adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly at its first session¹

<i>Resolution</i>	<i>Title</i>
1/1	United Nations Human Settlements Programme strategic plan for the period 2020–2023 (HSP/HA/1/Res.1)
1/2	United Nations System-Wide Guidelines on Safer Cities and Human Settlements (HSP/HA/1/Res.2)
1/3	Enhancing capacity-building for the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the urban dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (HSP/HA/1/Res.3)
1/4	Achieving gender equality through the work of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme to support inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable cities and human settlements (HSP/HA/1/Res.4)
1/5	Enhancing urban-rural linkages for sustainable urbanization and human settlements (HSP/HA/1/Res.5)
<i>Decision</i>	<i>Title</i>
1/1	Rules of procedure of the United Nations Habitat Assembly (HSP/HA/1/HLS.2)
1/2	Rules of procedure of the Executive Board of UN-Habitat (HSP/HA/1/HLS.3)
1/3	Arrangements for the transition towards the new governance structure of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme
<i>Declaration</i>	
	Ministerial declaration of the United Nations Habitat Assembly at its first session: “Innovation for better quality of life in cities and communities: accelerated implementation of the New Urban Agenda towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals” (HSP/HA/1/HLS.1)

¹ The resolutions and ministerial declaration adopted by the UN-Habitat Assembly at its first session are issued as stand-alone documents under the respective symbols specified above. The rules of procedure of the UN-Habitat Assembly were adopted by the Assembly in its decision 1/1 and are set out in the annex to that decision. The rules of procedure of the Executive Board were endorsed by the Assembly in its decision 1/2 and are set out in the annex to that decision. Both decisions are issued as stand-alone documents under the respective symbols specified above. Decision 1/3, adopted by the UN-Habitat Assembly at its first session, is set out in annex II to the present report and in annex II to the proceedings of the session (HSP/HA/1/10).

Annex II**Decision adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly at its first session****Decision 1/3: Arrangements for the transition towards the new governance structure of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme**

The United Nations Habitat Assembly,

Taking into account resolution [73/239](#) of the General Assembly, in which the General Assembly endorsed the findings and recommendations on changing the governance structure of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) provided by the Open-ended Working Group established by the Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to UN-Habitat pursuant to General Assembly resolution [72/226](#), and decided to dissolve the Governing Council of UN-Habitat as a subsidiary organ of the General Assembly and to replace it with the United Nations Habitat Assembly,

Taking into account also resolution [67/226](#) of the General Assembly, in which the General Assembly called upon the funds and programmes, and encouraged the specialized agencies, of the United Nations system to carry out any changes required to align their planning cycles with the quadrennial comprehensive policy review process,

1. *Decides* that the dates of its second session shall be 5 to 9 June 2023;
2. *Recognizes* the importance of aligning the planning cycles of UN-Habitat with the quadrennial comprehensive policy review process and, in the light of the new governance structure of UN-Habitat, decides to further consider how to best achieve such an alignment;
3. *Decides* that the Bureau of the first session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly shall remain in office until the final meeting of the second session of the Assembly, when elections shall be held for the officers of the Bureau for the third session of the Assembly;
4. *Also decides* that, exceptionally, the Executive Board of UN-Habitat shall receive the 2019 report on the strategic plan of UN-Habitat for the entire 2014–2019 cycle;
5. *Further decides*, on an exceptional basis, to entrust the Executive Board with continuing discussions on, and completing as soon as possible, the development of a UN-Habitat stakeholder engagement policy, as requested by the Governing Council in its resolution [26/7](#), with a view to its provisional implementation on the basis of consensus, and to submit the draft policy for consideration and possible approval by the United Nations Habitat Assembly at its second session;
6. *Decides* to dissolve the working group on programme and budget, as formally established by the Committee of Permanent Representatives at its fifty-seventh regular meeting in accordance with resolution [25/7](#) of the Governing Council;
7. *Also decides* that the provisional agenda for its second session 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.
 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 for the period 2024–2027.
 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.
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