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Draft outcomes for consideration by the Executive Board at its first session of 2023

Draft decision 2023/[A]: Financial status of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, update on the financial reserve, updated scalability model for the non-earmarked budget of the Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation, analysis of the risks related to the Sustainable Human Settlements Foundation and overview of earmarked private sector contribution agreements

(a) **Financial status of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme**

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note of* the report of the Executive Director on the interim financial status of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme as at 31 December 2022;¹
2. Recalls Decisions 2022/1 paragraph 5 and 2022/5 paragraph 14, and *takes note of* the report of the Executive Director on the scalability model for the non-earmarked Foundation budget,² subject to various level funding up to \$12 million, and *requests* the Executive Director to report back on the fully costed scalability model at the third session of the Executive Board of 2023 with advice from the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;
3. *Welcomes* the update by the Executive Director on the financial reserve for the non-earmarked budget of the Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation;
4. *Welcomes* the report of the Executive Director on action by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme to strengthen protection against sexual and any other type of exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment in the workplace;³

¹ HSP/EB.2023/2.

² HSP/EB.2023/2/Add.1.

³ HSP/EB.2023/5.

(b) Analysis of the risks related to the Sustainable Human Settlements Foundation and overview of earmarked private sector contribution agreements

5. *Recalls* paragraph 21 of decision 2022/5 which requests the Executive Director to obtain an analysis by the United Nations of the reputational risk associated with potential investment by the Sustainable Human Settlements Foundation and to present to the Executive Board, at its first session of 2023, a report detailing the findings of the risk analysis and providing information, in the interim, prior to entering into them, on any non-earmarked private sector agreements entered into on behalf of UN-Habitat, including with the Sustainable Human Settlements Foundation, and also requests an overview of earmarked private sector contribution agreements that are currently in force, [takes note of the analysis of the risk related to the Sustainable Human Settlements Foundation⁴ and the overview of earmarked private sector contribution agreements,⁵ recommends that the Executive Director, on behalf of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, and with the consent of the Executive Board, enter into a contribution agreement with the Sustainable Human Settlements Foundation, and reiterates its request that the Executive Director present a risk analysis prior to entering into any non-earmarked private sector agreements;]

6. [Requests the Executive Director to monitor the risk mitigation measures recommended following the assessment of the Sustainable Human Settlements Foundation;]

(c) Preparation of the draft work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and draft budget of the Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2024

7. *Recalls* paragraph 16 of decision 2022/5, requests the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters to continue its discussions on the non-earmarked budget of the Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2024, and requests the Executive Director to finalize a draft annual work programme and budget for 2024 based on feedback from the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and to present that work programme and budget for further consideration by the Executive Board at its third session of 2023;

[(d) Supplementary budget of the Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2023]

[8. *Recalls* paragraph 17 of decision 2022/6, *takes note* of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the programme budget implications of this decision, and *decides* to approve the supplementary budget for 2023 of \$303 600 including \$209 900 in staff costs for the establishment of one P3, one P2 and 2 local level posts and \$93 700 in non-staff costs spread equally across sub-programmes 1 to 4;]

8 Alt. [[Amends] [Recalls] paragraph 17 of Decision 2022/6 requesting the Executive Director to provide an update [and capacity building] on programmes and initiatives on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, including with regard to the submission of national reports, [once a year instead of at each session of the Executive Board] and decides to approve a supplementary budget for 2023 of X including X in staff cost [of the establishment of one P3 and local level post] and X in non-staff cost spread equally across sub programmes 1 to 4;]

8 Alt 2. *Recalls* para. 17 of Executive Board decision 2022/6 requesting the Executive Director to provide “an update” on implementation of the New Urban Agenda at each session of the Executive Board and *requests* the Secretariat to provide such updates within existing resources and for the Executive Board to decide at its [next]/[final] meeting in 2023 to authorize the use of foundational non-earmarked funds for additional staff positions to efficiently and effectively advance Member State priorities for UN Habitat, including implementation of the New Urban Agenda, [based on][taking into account] the recommendation of the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary, and administrative matters

⁴ HSP/EB/2023/INF/3.

⁵ HSP/EB.2023/INF/4.

[8 Alt 3. *Recalls* para. 17 of Executive Board decision 2022/6 requesting the Executive Director to provide “an update” on implementation of the New Urban Agenda at each session of the Executive Board takes note of the technical note by the Secretariat circulated on November 23, 2022 and related ACABQ report AC/2245; and requests the Executive Director to provide the ad hoc working group on programmatic budgetary and administrative matters i) an analysis of the principal obstacles to implementation of the New Urban Agenda by Member States and ii) a prioritised list of additional staff position across UN-Habitat agenda required to implement the scalability model] {PRT+, FRA+, FIN+, EUN+, CMR-}

8 Alt 2 bis Requests the Executive Board to [~~decide~~] {DEU+} [consider] {DEU+} at its third session of 2023 to authorise the use of foundational non-earmarked funds for at least two additional staff positions, subject the availability of funds taking into account the recommendations of the ad hoc working group on programmatic budgetary and administrative matters, in order to efficiently and effectively advance UN-Habitat’s work, including the implementation of the New Urban Agenda] {PRT+, FRA+, FIN+, EUN+, CMR-}

8 Alt 2 ter [Recalls paragraph 17 of Decision 2022/6 requesting the Executive Director to provide an update and capacity building on programmes and initiatives on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda at the last session of the EB each year, including with regard to the submission of national reports, [also requests the Executive Director to provide a prioritised list of additional staff position across UN-Habitat Agenda required to implement the scalability model to the ad hoc working group on programmatic budgetary and administrative matters] {USA+} and decides to approve a supplementary budget for 2023 of X including X in staff cost of the establishment of one P3 and one [P2] {USA+} [G7] {USA+} level temporary posts and X in non-staff cost spread equally across sub programmes 1 to 4. And further requests the Executive Director, upon consultation with member states, to report at the third session of the Executive Board in 2023 on the outcomes challenges and needs related to the staffing dedicated to the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, including reporting, capacity building, advocacy and outreach activities.] {CMR+, NGA+, KEN+, EGY+}

Draft decision 2023/[B]: Normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, including reporting on the programmatic activities of the Programme in 2022 and the implementation of subprogrammes, flagship programmes and technical cooperation activities

(a) Normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme

The Executive Board

8. Takes note of the report of the Executive Director on the need for and possible benefits of the development of the Sustainable Development Goals Cities certification⁶;

9. *Requests* the Executive Director to continue consultations with United Nations entities, Member States, members of UN specialised agencies and accredited and other relevant stakeholders to further develop the report on the need and possible benefit of the Sustainable Development Goals Cities certification and its implementation modalities , including potential sources of extra-budgetary funding capacity development needs and assessment of potential risks;

10. Also *requests* the Executive Director to engage the Local2030 Coalition in the consultations on the Sustainable Development Goals Cities certification concept and identify the possibilities of integrating the certification into the work of the Coalition;

11. [*Encourages* the Executive Director to continue the efforts aimed at reconstruction of human settlements in countries [and territories] affected by conflict and disaster in line with UN-Habitat’s mandate as well as in accordance to para 7 to Decision 2022/2 implementation of the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat and para 3 of Decision 2022/6 on the implementation of the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat;]

⁶ HSP/EB.2023/4.

(b) Preparations for the second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly

12. *Welcomes* the update by the Executive Director on the preparations for the second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly, scheduled to be held from 5 to 9 June 2023; A

13. *Welcomes* the theme for the second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly, “A sustainable urban future through inclusive and effective multilateralism: achieving the Sustainable Development Goals in times of global crises”; as proposed by the Executive Director and endorsed by Member States through informal consultations led by the Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, following a joint recommendation by the bureaux of the governing bodies;

(c) Preparations for the twelfth session of the World Urban Forum

14. *Welcomes* the report of the Executive Director on the preparations for the twelfth session of the World Urban Forum⁷ and requests the Executive Director to keep Member States updated on the preparations for the session.

Draft decision 2023/[C]: Methods of work of the Executive Board and the workplan of the Executive Board for 2023

The Executive Board

(a) Reports of the Executive Board and its working groups

15. *Adopts* the report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme on the work of its second session of 2022;⁸

16. *Takes note of* the briefing by the chair of the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters on the group’s work;

17. *Takes note of* the briefing by the chair of the ad hoc working group on the development of a stakeholder engagement policy on the group’s work and of the group’s report on the draft stakeholder engagement policy;⁹

18. *Recalls* paragraph 5 of decision 1/3 adopted by the UN-Habitat Assembly and [recommends] that at its second session the UN-Habitat Assembly consider the draft stakeholder engagement policy;¹⁰

(b) Working methods of the Executive Board to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of meetings of the Board

19. *Takes note of* the results of the survey conducted by the secretariat following the second session of the Executive Board of 2022 to evaluate the effectiveness of that session so as to further improve the process and outcome of future sessions;¹¹

(c) Date and agenda for the next session of the Executive Board and its workplan for 2023

20. *Decides* that the second session of the Executive Board for the year 2023 will be held no later than Thursday, 8 June 2023 on the margins of the second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly in a manner which will not conflict with the plenary meetings and other relevant negotiations of the UN-Habitat Assembly session;

21. *Also decides* that the provisional agenda for the second session of the Executive Board for 2023 shall be as follows:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Election of officers of the Bureau.

⁷ HSP/EB.2023/3.

⁸ HSP/EB.2022/21.

⁹ HSP/EB.2023/INF/2.

¹⁰ Ibid.

¹¹ HSP/EB.2023/INF/5.

3. Consideration of the dates and provisional agenda for the third session of the Executive Board of 2023.
 4. Other matters.
 5. Closure of the session.
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