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**Briefing by the Executive Director on the implementation of  
all resolutions adopted by the UN-Habitat Assembly**

## **Preparations for the first session of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Expert Working Group on Adequate Housing for All**

### **Report of the Executive Director**

#### **I. Introduction**

1. In resolution 2/7 on adequate housing for all, the United Nations Habitat Assembly of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) established an open-ended intergovernmental expert working group to consider and make recommendations to the Assembly on the development and content of policies for accelerating progress towards the universal achievement of safe, sustainable, adequate and affordable housing.
2. In paragraph 5 of the resolution, the Assembly requested the Executive Director of UN-Habitat to provide all necessary support to all sessions of the open-ended intergovernmental expert working group, including the conduct of research and the preparation of information documents and analysis as may be requested by the working group or the Executive Board.

#### **II. Dates and agenda**

3. Pursuant to paragraph 7 of UN-Habitat Assembly resolution 2/7, the Executive Board, in paragraph 4 of its decision 2024/3, decided that the first session of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Expert Working Group on Adequate Housing for All would be held at the headquarters of UN-Habitat in Nairobi, from 9 to 11 December 2024.
4. Pursuant to paragraph 2 of resolution 2/7, the Executive Board, in paragraph 5 of its decision 2024/3, also decided on a provisional agenda for the Working Group that broadly reflects its mandate, as established by the UN-Habitat Assembly. The provisional agenda is set out in document HSP/OEWG-H.2024/1.

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### III. Logistics

5. On 19 July 2024, UN-Habitat circulated a note verbale providing Member States with notice of the dates of the first session of the Working Group and some pre-session details regarding the planned publication of background documents and requesting the nomination of delegates by 1 December 2024.
6. In September 2024, UN-Habitat established a web page for the Working Group, on which all documents and other information relating to the first session will be made available.<sup>1</sup>
7. Online registration via the web page will remain possible until 29 November 2024. In accordance with section XI of the rules of procedure of the UN-Habitat Assembly, non-members may register to participate as observers.
8. At the time of preparation of the present report, the Working Group was not expected to establish any committees or other subsidiary groups for the conduct of its business.

### IV. Pre-session preparations

9. Pursuant to paragraph 5 of resolution 2/7, the Executive Director has prepared the background documents for the first session of the Working Group. For each of the five substantive agenda items (items 3–7), a concise report of the Executive Director will be made available in all six official languages of the United Nations. These reports will each be supported by information documents. Owing to financial constraints, the supporting information documents and other procedural documents will be made available in English only. A list of the working documents being submitted to the Working Group at its first session is set out below.

#### Working and information documents by agenda item

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Language(s)</i>
<b>Agenda item 3: State of efforts to progressively realize adequate housing for all</b>		
HSP/OEWG-H.2024/3	Report of the Executive Director on the state of efforts to progressively realize adequate housing for all	All United Nations official languages
HSP/OEWG-H.2024/INF/2	Preliminary survey of the state of efforts to progressively realize adequate housing for all	English
<b>Agenda item 4: Development of a framework for measuring and reporting on the adequacy of housing across diverse national and local contexts</b>		
HSP/OEWG-H.2024/4	Report of the Executive Director on the development of a framework for measuring and reporting on the adequacy of housing across diverse national and local contexts	All United Nations official languages
HSP/OEWG-H.2024/INF/3	Review of existing elements and options for the development of a framework for measuring and reporting on the adequacy of housing across diverse national and local contexts	English
<b>Agenda item 5: Progress made in implementing the UN-Habitat programme of work related to adequate housing, including addressing homelessness and slum upgrading</b>		
HSP/OEWG-H.2024/5	Report of the Executive Director on the Progress made in implementing the UN-Habitat programme of work related to adequate housing, including addressing homelessness and slum upgrading	All United Nations official languages
HSP/OEWG-H.2024/INF/4	Summary of progress made in implementing the UN-Habitat programme of work related to adequate housing, including addressing homelessness and slum upgrading	English

<sup>1</sup> See <https://unhabitat.org/meetings/open-ended-intergovernmental-expert-working-group-on-adequate-housing-for-all>.

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Language(s)</i>
<b>Agenda item 6: Existing multilateral and bilateral support for the development and implementation of effective housing policies, programmes and projects</b>		
HSP/OEWG-H.2024/6	Report of the Executive Director on existing multilateral and bilateral support for the development and implementation of effective housing policies, programmes and projects	All United Nations official languages
HSP/OEWG-H.2024/INF/5	Survey of existing multilateral and bilateral support for the development and implementation of effective housing policies, programmes and projects	English
<b>Agenda item 7: Establishment of a publicly accessible, complementary platform that includes summaries of the most recently available data on the provision of adequate housing</b>		
HSP/OEWG-H.2024/7	Report of the Executive Director on the establishment of a publicly accessible, complementary platform that includes summaries of the most recently available data on the provision of adequate housing	All United Nations official languages
HSP/OEWG-H.2024/INF/6	Preliminary needs assessment survey on the establishment of a publicly accessible, complementary platform that includes summaries of the most recently available data on the provision of adequate housing	English

10. In paragraph 4 of resolution 2/7, the UN-Habitat Assembly decided that the Working Group could adopt terms of reference with respect to its work and functions, particularly for matters not addressed by the rules of procedure of the Assembly, which, in accordance with rule 64, shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to areas on which the terms of reference are silent. In the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters of the Executive Board, Member States were invited to consider continuing the work of the Working Group, in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Assembly, until further notice.

11. In accordance with paragraph 2 of Resolution 2/7, the first session of the Working Group will be presided over by a chair. In accordance with part IV of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, the chair will be supported by a rapporteur and three vice-chairs, collectively constituting the bureau of the Working Group. Also in accordance with part IV of the rules of procedure, the bureau should be elected by the Working Group. The ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters of the Executive Board has been invited to consult, in advance of the first session, on appropriate nominations to the bureau.

12. At the twelfth session of the World Urban Forum, held in Cairo from 4 to 8 November 2024, several side events, including the “Heads of delegation meeting on adequate housing for all”, organized by the Governments of France and Kenya, made explicit reference to the Open-ended Intergovernmental Expert Working Group on Adequate Housing for All. The achievement of adequate housing was also a central or supporting theme of a number of the formal sessions and of other side events. A number of the agenda items of the first session of the Working Group were also the subject of discussion among stakeholders.

## V. Organizational matters

13. An annotated provisional agenda will be accompanied by a draft detailed running order providing the expected timing for each session.

14. Each agenda item will be introduced by a member of the secretariat, who will present a summary of the relevant background documents.

15. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in all six official languages of the United Nations.

16. The conclusions of the first session of the Working Group are expected to be captured in a Chair’s summary that will be incorporated into the substantive report of the session.

## **VI. Outstanding matters**

17. UN-Habitat is exploring the possibility of convening multi-stakeholder dialogues with observers on the activities of the Working Group, to be held between the plenary meetings of its sessions.

18. Despite financial and in-kind contributions from UN-Habitat, the Governments of France and Germany and the French Development Agency, voluntary contributions have not been sufficient to meet the minimum costs of preparing for and convening the session of the Working Group.

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