



## **2024 Tenth Bureau Meeting of the Executive Board of UN-Habitat**

Hybrid format – Monday, 2 December 2024

01:00-01:45 hrs. East Africa Time (EAT)

### **Statement by the Executive Director**

*(Draft of 30 November 2024)*

#### **SLIDE 1: Title slide**

#### **Slide 2: Provisional Agenda**

*Adoption of the Agenda to be led by the Chair.*

1. Adoption of the provisional Agenda.
2. Status of the preparations for the second session of the Executive Board of the year 2024, including consideration of the following:
  - (a) Status of the draft outcomes to be considered by the Executive Board;
  - (b) Bureau recommendation on the election of the next Bureau of the Executive Board and rotation of the Chair and the Rapporteur of the Bureau of the Executive Board in 2025;
  - (c) Bureau recommendation on the dates and number of the sessions of the Executive Board in 2025;
  - (d) Status of registration.
3. Any other matters.

**SLIDE 3: AGENDA ITEM 2 (TITLE SLIDE):- Status of the preparations for the second session of the Executive Board of the year 2024, including consideration of the following:**

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**(b) Bureau recommendation on the election of the next Bureau of the Executive Board and rotation of the Chair and the Rapporteur of the Bureau of the Executive Board in 2025.**

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**(d) Status of registration.**

Mr. Chairman, Excellencies,

Good afternoon, It is great to see you all once again.

Thank you very much Mr. chairman. This being our very last meeting before the second session of the executive board begins, I believe it's a good opportunity to review any pending issues and receive guidance from the bureau. I will be brief noting the short time we have for this meeting.

Mr. chairman with respect **to agenda item 2(a)**, I am aware that there has been good **progress in the informal consultations on draft decisions** under the ad hoc working group on PBA. As a secretariat, we continue to remain available to offer technical support to member states during the consultations. We have also made available the alternative language related to our normative and operational activities through the chair as requested for member state by Member States during the meeting held on Wednesday, 27 November. With the progress so far made and the excellent work being done by the ad hoc working group on PBA under the leadership of Ambassador Pedro of Colombia, I have no doubt that the Executive board will receive a good draft for their further consideration

With regard to **sub item 2 (b)** on the **election of the next Bureau**, the secretariat has shared the two options during the last two meetings of the Bureau. Full **elections of the Bureau can wait to take place at the second session** of the Executive Board in 2025, or, **a rotation of the Chair and Rapporteur can take place at the first session** of the Executive Board **followed by elections of the full Bureau at the second session** where regions holding the position of Chair and Rapporteur would continue with

their term until the first session of 2026. Mr. Chairman, this matter is fully in the hands of Member States with the guidance of the Bureau.

On **sub item 2 (c)** regarding **the dates and number of the sessions in 2025**, we foresee the **need for three sessions**. A first session in the first quarter of 2025, the second session being a short one with the key objective to elect the members of the next Bureau of the Executive Board once the UN-Habitat Assembly elects the 36 members of the Executive Board for a term of four years. And a third session during the last quarter of the year, with a key function being to consider and approve the work programme and budget for 2026, among other items. We would therefore recommend three sessions in 2025 for consideration by the Bureau and subsequently the Executive Board.

Regarding **the dates of the first session for 2025**, we have consulted with the UNON Division of Conference Services and the available dates in line with the global calendar are **17 to 19 March 2025** and **25 to 27 March 2025**. The secretariat wishes to encourage the Bureau to consider these two dates. I wish to note that any dates later than this would be too close to the resumed second the Assembly and may impact on the timelines for issuing documentation to the Assmebly.

Finally, Mr. Chairman, I wish to share with you the **status of registration** as follows:

**Total number of countries registered – 95**

**Total number of Executive Board member countries – 28**

**Total number of countries that are not members of the Executive Board – 67**

## **PARTICIPANTS**

**Total number of participants – 421**

Ministers	3
Ambassadors/Permanent Representatives (PRs)	41
Deputy Permanent Representatives (DPRs)	37

Other Partners	340
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>	<b>421</b>