

Agenda Item (3) – Reports by the Chairs of the Ad-hoc working groups:

- We thank the Chair of the Ad-hoc working Programmatic, Budgetary and Administrative matters for the substantive and details briefing to the Executive Board, and welcome the report presented in that regard. We express our appreciation to the lengthy and fruitful discussions that took place during the various meetings of the ad-hoc working group since the first meeting of the Executive Board of 2021.
- Our delegation has a few remarks to share with the wider membership of the Executive Board concerning the matter of the alignment of the UN-Habitat Strategic Planning Cycles with the Quadrennial Comprehensive Review Process (QCPR). We reiterate Egypt's support to the UN-Habitat's Secretariat proposal to align the UN-Habitat Assembly Sessions with the QCPR as per the relevant Executive Board decision. Let me recall that the Executive Board has decided to implement the alignment process according to either Scenario 2 or 3 presented earlier by the Secretariat.
- My delegation has expressed on various occasions its openness and flexibility on adopting any of the two scenarios. We would like to support the suggestion of the Executive Director to adopt scenario 3 to implement the QCPR alignment process by extending the current strategic plan until 2025.
- We encourage member states to consider making a recommendation on one of the two scenarios as to guide the Secretariat on the preparations needed for the next Strategic Plan, by either extending the current Strategic Plan for the term 2020-2023 or adopting an interim Strategic Plan for the term 2024-2025.
- In the same context, we would like to stress the importance of the commitment of member states to the current agreed governance structure of the UN-Habitat, as per the UNGA resolution no. 73/239 dated 18th of December 2021, and need to respect the mandate of each of the three governing bodies, namely (the Assembly, the Committee of Permanent Representatives and the Executive Board) as per the relevant rules of procedures adapted by the First Session of the UN-Habitat Assembly held in May 2019. We note reserve to the proposals to introduce amendments to the current governing structure, noting that the only body mandated to adapt the Quadrennial Strategic Plan is the Assembly as the leading universal body.
- Let me conclude by mentioning that my delegation is quite optimistic about the Executive Board ability to continue its constructive discussions on this very critical matter and reach a consensus that can be referred to the next session of the Assembly