

**Seventh Bureau meeting of the Executive Board  
Monday 7 November 2022 –14:30 hrs - 16:00 hrs**

**Agenda item 4- Status of draft decisions to be possibly adopted during the second session of the Executive Board in 2022**

Statement by the Chair of the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters

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Based on the provisional Agenda circulated to Member States on 31 October 2022

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Mr. Chairman,  
Excellencies,  
Distinguished Delegates,

Thank you for this opportunity to brief the Bureau on the work conducted by the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters during the discussions on the draft outcomes to be possibly adopted by the Executive Board during its second session for the year 2022.

Following the recommendation by the Bureau that the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters of the Executive Board should hold prior consideration of the draft decisions before the Executive Board at its second session, I wish to confirm that the consultations were held on 19 October and 1 November 2022 and will be held again this week on Wednesday 9 November 2022.

The working group has been considering three draft decisions based on the technical input by the Secretariat as follows :

- i. **Draft decision 2022/[A]** : Implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023, financial, budgetary and administrative matters of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the findings of its review of the management and administration of UN-Habitat and draft work programme and budget for 2023
- ii. **Draft decision 2022/[B]**: Implementation of the normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, reporting on the programmatic activities of the Programme in 2022, implementation of subprogrammes, flagship programmes and technical cooperation activities

iii. **Draft decision 2022/[C] : Methods of work of the Executive Board and the workplan of the Executive Board for 2022**

On 19 October 2022 the ad hoc working group considered draft Decisions 2022/[B] and 2022/[A]. At that meeting the working group requested the Secretariat to streamline the language in the whole decision document, mostly to keep the preambular text very procedural and focus on the operational consequences. Under draft Decision 2022/[A], the working group specifically requested the Secretariat to suggest alt paragraphs 3,9, 10 and 13 and also to share language proposals for merging paragraphs 5, 6, 7, 8.

Considering the status of the discussions at the end of that meeting, we agreed to continue the discussions on 1 November 2022 . At that meeting we made good progress on draft Decisions 2022/[A], 2022/[B] and 2022/[C]. Under draft Decision 2022/[A], the working group specifically requested the Secretariat to suggest alt paragraphs 4,6 and 12. Under draft Decision 2022/[B], the working group also requested the Secretariat to suggest an alt paragraph 17.

Considering the status of the discussions at the end of that meeting, we will meet again on 9 November 2022 to discuss any pending issues.

I am confident that our meeting on Wednesday 9 November 2022 will be productive and will allow us to make the necessary adjustments in readiness for further consideration by the Executive Board at its second session for the year 2022.

Mr. Chairman,

Considering that we will end our discussions on Wednesday and given that we will be only 2 working days from the second session of the Executive Board, it may not be practicable to send the draft decisions for translation to Conference Services. Noting also that pursuant to rule 6.9 of the rules of procedure of the Executive Board “ Conference room papers shall be made available to all States Members of the United Nations and members of the United Nations specialized agencies, funds and programmes in English, I will suggest to the working group that for now I forward the draft decisions after our meeting on Wednesday to you as Chair of the Executive Board so that the draft decisions reflecting our inputs, be circulated on time prior to the session of the Board as Conference Room Paper and in English only.

Noting that the Secretariat will make sure that the usual high standards for documents of this nature are applied to the final version of the decisions before submitting them to Conference Services as a

post-session document for formal editing and translation after the adoption of the decisions by the Board at its 2022 second session.

I will forward to you in your capacity as Chair the draft decisions for further consideration by the Executive Board and possible adoption.

I want to register my sincere appreciation to all Member States for their time, cooperation and invaluable input to informal consultations.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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