

**Draft technical inputs from the secretariat for the proposed draft outcomes for consideration
by the Executive Board at its second session of 2022**

*This version represents the conclusions of the discussions held on Tuesday 1 November 2022 on draft
Decisions 2022/[A], 2022/[B] and 2022/[C]*

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

(a) Implementation of the strategic plan of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for the period 2020–2023

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note of* the report of the Executive Director on the *Annual Report 2021* on the implementation of the strategic plan of UN-Habitat for the period 2020–2023 and the summary thereof; [Wednesday 19 October 2022 15.55](#)

2. *Requests* the Executive Director to report back to the Executive Board at its first session of 2023 on the mid-term evaluation of the implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023 to assess progress towards the strategic result of the strategic plan; [Wednesday 19 October 2022 15.56](#)

(b) Financial, budgetary and administrative matters of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme

3. *Takes note of* the report and update of the Executive Director on the financial status as at 30 June 2022, the report of the Executive Director on the interim financial status as at 31 October 2022, the report of the Executive Director on the staffing of UN-Habitat as at 30 June 2022, the report of the Executive Director on recruitment, including on equitable geographical distribution and gender parity, the report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the resource mobilization strategy in line with the strategic plan, the report of the Executive Director on the ongoing restructuring of UN-Habitat, and the UN-Habitat financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 and the report of the Board of Auditors and *decides* to include an agenda item on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors at the second session of each year. [Tuesday 1 November 2022 14.43](#)

(c) Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the findings of its review of the management and administration of UN-Habitat, the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services and the report of the Ethics Office

4. *Takes note of* the report and update of the Joint Inspection Unit on the findings of its review of the management and administration of UN-Habitat¹ and ~~[calls upon Member States to provide adequate core funding to enable the implementation of the report's recommendations and] {USA+, DZA-}~~ [underlines the need for adequate core funding to enable the implementation of the report's recommendations and] {DZA+, KEN+, BRA+} *requests* the Executive Director to report to the Executive Board on progress in the implementation of those recommendations;

[\[Secretariat to suggest Alt language\]](#)

¹ [JIU/REP/2022/1](#)

PROPOSAL FOR ALT LANGUAGE FOR PARAGRAPH 4, AS REQUESTED BY MEMBER STATES ON 1 NOVEMBER 2022 :

ALT 4. Takes note of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on its review of the management and administration of UN-Habitat² and requests the Executive Director to report to the Executive Board on progress in the implementation of those recommendations including any challenges or obstacles, financial or otherwise :

5. *Recalls* General Assembly Resolution A/RES/73/239 adopted by the General Assembly on 20 December 2018, in particular paragraph 2, *further recalls* Decisions 1/1 and 1/2 of the United Nations Habitat Assembly on 31 May 2019³ adopting the rules of procedure of the United Nations Habitat Assembly and of the Executive Board of UN-Habitat respectively; Wednesday 19 October 2022 16.21

6. *Takes note of* the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the findings of its review of the management and administration of UN-Habitat⁴, in particular Recommendation 1; Wednesday 19 October 2022 16.22

7. *Appreciates* that the three-tier governance structure of UN-Habitat was established only in 2019 and that adequate time is required for the structure to function before any effective assessment could be meaningful; Wednesday 19 October 2022 16.22

8. *Recommends* that the United Nations Habitat Assembly at its second session of 2023 *decides to postpone* any action related to the implementation of Recommendation 1 of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the findings of its review of the management and administration of UN-Habitat⁵ to a later date. Wednesday 19 October 2022 16.23

{Request to the secretariat to merge paras 5,6,7 and 8}

PROPOSAL FOR TO MERGE PARAS 5, 6, 7 AND 8 AS REQUESTED BY MEMBER STATES :

Alt 5. Recalling General Assembly Resolution A/RES/73/239 adopted by the General Assembly on 20 December 2018, in particular paragraph 2, *and* Decisions 1/1 and 1/2 of the United Nations Habitat Assembly on 31 May 2019:

6 Alt. [Notes] [Notes] {BRA+} that the [three-tier] {NGA+} [current] {NGA+} governance-structure of UN-Habitat was established only in 2019 and that adequate time is required for the structure to function before any effective assessment could be meaningful and recommends to the that the United Nations Habitat Assembly at its second session to be held in 2023 to [further] {CMR+} consider ~~decides to [postponing] {USA+} e-[any action related to] {CMR+} the [implementation] {CMR+, NGA+} [feasibility] {CMR+, NGA+} of Recommendation 1 of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the findings of its review of the management and administration of UN-Habitat⁶ [in preparation for the third session of the UN-Habitat Assembly] {USA+}.] {BRA+, KEN+, NGA+, CHN-, MEX}~~

6. Alt 1 [Notes that the current governance structure of UN-Habitat was established only in 2019 and that adequate time is required for the structure to function before any effective assessment could be meaningful] {SWE+, BRA+, NGA+}

PROPOSAL FOR ALT LANGUAGE FOR PARAGRAPH ALT 6.1, AS REQUESTED BY MEMBER STATES ON 1 NOVEMBER :

² JIU/REP/2022/1

³ HSP/HA.1/HLS.2 and HSP/HA.1/HLS.3

⁴ JIU/REP/2022/1

⁵ JIU/REP/2022/1

⁶ JIU/REP/2022/1

6 Alt 2. Notes that the current governance structure of UN-Habitat was established only in 2019 and that adequate time is required for the structure to function before any effective assessment could be conducted.

9. *Takes note of* the update and report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services and *calls upon* the Executive Director to implement the recommendations [subject to the availability of requisite funds] [Chair+] [when adequate funding becomes available] [USA+]; [Secretariat to suggest alt language]

10. *[Takes note of]* the update and report of the Ethics Office and *calls upon* the Executive Director to implement the recommendations [subject to the availability of requisite funds] [Chair+] [when adequate funding becomes available] [USA+]; [Secretariat to suggest alt language]

PROPOSAL FOR ALT LANGUAGE FOR PARAGRAPHS 9 AND 10, AS REQUESTED BY MEMBER STATES :

9 Alt. Takes note of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services and related update by the Executive Director [encourages] [calls upon] [USA+] the Executive Director to implement the recommendations contained in the report; [CMR+, USA-]

10 Alt. [Takes note of] the report of the Ethics Office and related update by the Executive Director [and [encourages] [calls upon] [USA+] the Executive Director to implement the recommendations contained in the report;] [CMR+, USA-]

(d) Work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and the draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2023

11. *Recalling* its decision 2022/1, in particular paragraph 4, [approves] the draft work programme of UN-Habitat and the non-earmarked budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2023 of \$3 million, as reflected in the report of the Executive Director on the draft work programme of UN-Habitat and draft budget of the United Nations Human Settlements Foundation for 2023 set out in document HSP/EB.2022/4/Rev.1. Wednesday 19 October 2022 16.35

12. *Decides* that, in order to prevent any further shortage of the non-earmarked Foundation fund, any budgetary surplus will fill the financial reserve established by the Decision 2020/4 to a minimum of 3 million USD or 20 per cent of the approved budget for the following financial period, whichever is higher and *further decides* that this financial reserve can be used only with the consent of the [Executive Board] [USA+] [ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters] [USA+] [Secretariat to suggest additional language]

PROPOSAL FOR ALT LANGUAGE FOR PARAGRAPH 12 AS REQUESTED BY MEMBER STATES ON 1 NOVEMBER :

12 Alt: Recalls Decision 2020/4 on the establishment of a financial reserve in the non-earmarked Foundation with the purpose to ensure its solvency, decides to set the minimum level of the reserve at \$3 million or 20 per cent of the approved budget for the following financial period, whichever is higher;

12 bis: Affirms the authority of the Executive Board on the management of the financial reserve;

12 ter: Decides that the Executive Director is authorized, with the prior concurrence of the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters to enter into commitments from the available balance of the financial reserve.

13. *Takes note of* the report on the scalability model for the non-earmarked Foundation budget [and reaffirms the unique role of the Executive Board in all financial matters] {USA+};

PROPOSAL FOR ALT LANGUAGE FOR PARAGRAPH 13 , AS REQUESTED BY MEMBER STATES :

13 Alt.- [Takes note of]{KEN+} the report on the scalability model for the non-earmarked Foundation budget and [reaffirms]{CMR+} [recalls]{CMR+} in that regard, the mandate of the Executive Board pursuant to rules 10.4 (g) , rule 24.3 and rule 25 of the rules of procedure of the UN-Habitat Assembly.

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

14. *Takes note of* the need to align the sessions of the Executive Board in 2023 with the preparatory and approval process for the draft work programme of UN-Habitat and draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2024; Wednesday 19 October 2022 16.49

15. *Requests* the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters of the Executive Board to discuss a draft work programme and draft budget of UN-Habitat for 2024 in line with the Executive Director's recommended budget for the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation; Wednesday 19 October 2022 16.55

16. *Requests* Executive Director to update the Executive Board at its first session of 2023 on the status of the draft work programme and draft budget for 2024, taking into account the recommendations of the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters; Wednesday 19 October 2022 16.56

17. [] UN-Habitat's proposed regular budget allocation for 2023, and UN-Habitat's exploration of innovative sources of financing Wednesday 19 October 2022 17.10

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

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

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note of* the update and report by the Executive Director on the contribution, experiences and added value of UN-Habitat in urban crisis situations; Wednesday 19 October 2022 14.49

2. *Encourages* the Executive Director, recalling its Decision 2022/2 paragraph 9, within the limits of available resources, to continue the analysis of its operational and normative work in support of urban crisis prevention and response, to identify regional trends and solutions, and address possible gaps in tools and services provided by UN-Habitat globally; Wednesday 19 October 2022 14.50

3. *Requests* the Executive Director to help ensure that the science and the data on the wide range of crises occurring in urban areas is made accessible to local governments and local actors; Wednesday 19 October 2022 14.52

4. *Encourages* the Executive Director to further explore the contribution of urban crisis prevention and response, to climate action, durable solutions for the displaced, sustaining peace and acceleration of the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, and to continue the extraordinary dialogue that was held on the matter at the eleventh session of the World Urban Forum and to consider a follow-up dialogue at the second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly in 2023; Wednesday 19 October 2022 14.56

5. *Encourages* the Executive Director to mobilize further extra-budgetary resources or voluntary contributions for UN-Habitat to take up its role of supporting United Nations country teams in managing acute urban displacement and finding durable solutions, in response to the Secretary-General's Action Agenda on Internal Displacement; [Wednesday 19 October 2022 15.00](#)

6. *Requests* the Executive Director to intensify programme development related to urban crisis prevention and response in close consultation with strategic partners inter-alia the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the United Nations Development Programme and the International Organization for Migration; [Wednesday 19 October 2022 15.15](#)

7. *Also takes note of* the report of the Executive Director on the implementation of flagship programmes; [Wednesday 19 October 2022 15.16](#)

8. *Requests* the Executive Director to mobilize additional capacities and expertise as well as joint secretariat support for the flagship programmes as key instruments for the integration of the normative and operational work of UN-Habitat towards enhancing strategic partnerships across the flagship programmes and integrated work in priority locations, including at the subregional level; [Wednesday 19 October 2022 15.17](#)

9. *Encourages* the Executive Director to seek further convergence between UN-Habitat global programmes and flagship programmes to deliver more integrated and tailored solutions related to climate change, migration, smart cities, and urban regeneration and resilience; [Wednesday 19 October 2022 15.18](#)

10. *Encourages* the Executive Director to further highlight the importance of urban regeneration for the localisation of the Sustainable Development Goals, showcasing the linkages between the housing, climate change and the priorities of the Sustainable Development Goals; [Wednesday 19 October 2022 15.19](#)

11. *Encourages* the Executive Director to explore in a consultative manner the development of international guidelines on people-friendly smart cities to scale up good practice; [Wednesday 19 October 2022 15.21](#)

12. *Encourages* the Executive Director to develop strategic partnerships for resilient settlements for the urban poor by analysing existing expertise, experience, best practices and lessons learned, and to expand resource mobilization, including by disseminating success stories to relevant stakeholders; [Wednesday 19 October 2022 15.22](#)

13. *Encourages* the Executive Director to identify geographical areas where there is the greatest need and opportunity for UN-Habitat to add value to wider United Nations efforts in addressing urban migration and displacement challenges across the humanitarian-development-peace nexus; [Wednesday 19 October 2022 15.28](#)

14. *Requests* the Executive Director to develop a model of Sustainable Development Goal cities certification to be recognized across the United Nations system in line with the United Nations global urban monitoring framework; [Wednesday 19 October 2022 15.29](#)

(b) High-level meeting of the General Assembly on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda

15. *Welcomes* the update by the Executive Director on the outcomes of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly to assess progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, held on 28 April 2022, and *takes note of* the summary of the outcome of the high-level meeting on the review of the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, including the annex of actions on housing, climate action, localization, and urban crisis recovery to accelerate the implementation of the New Urban Agenda; [Wednesday 19 October 2022 15.30](#)

(c) Eleventh session of the World Urban Forum

16. *Takes note of* the update and the report by the Executive Director on the summary of the outcomes of the eleventh session of the World Urban Forum and *encourages* Member States to organize regular national urban forums to monitor the implementation of the New Urban Agenda at

the national and local levels; *urges* the Executive Director to incorporate discussions at sessions of the World Urban Forum as input to the themes of the sessions of the United Nations Habitat Assembly; [Wednesday 19 October 2022 15.32](#)

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

17. *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 and ~~*recommends that*~~ Member States ~~*take into account the priorities of the Executive Director*~~ *[prioritize on] {CMR+}* ~~*take into account the priorities of the Executive Director*~~ *[CMR+]* on *[affordable] {BRA+, CRI-}* ~~*and*~~ *{CRI+}* *[adequate] {BRA+, CRI+}* *[adequate cost-effective] {KEN+}* housing, climate adaptation, post-conflict urban regeneration and localization of the Sustainable Development Goals when formulating resolutions; ~~*further recommends*~~ that Member States consider *[voluntary] {USA+, KEN-, DZA-, CMR-, BRA-, NGA-}* funding and financing that will ~~*ensure*~~ *{DZA+}* *[contribute to the implementation of resolutions] {DZA+, BRA+, KEN+, CMR+, NGA+, RUS+}* ~~*ensure*~~ that *[the most essential] {USA+, DZA-, BRA-, KEN-, CMR-, NGA-, RUS-}* resolutions can be implemented;

{Secretariat to suggest ALT language on voluntary contributions}

PROPOSAL FOR ALT LANGUAGE FOR PARAGRAPH 17, AS REQUESTED BY MEMBER STATES ON 1 NOVEMBER :

17 Alt. 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 and recommends that Member States take into account the priorities of adequate housing, cities and climate change, localization of the Sustainable Development Goals and response to urban crises when formulating resolutions; further recommends that Member States ensure that adequate funding contribute fully to the implementation of resolutions;

18. *Recalls* paragraph 14 of decision 2021/6, in which it is recommended that the United Nations Habitat Assembly at its second session, in 2023, consider approving the extension of the current strategic plan for the period 2020–2023 until 2025 to cover the period 2020–2025; [Wednesday 19 October 2022 15.46](#)

10. *Takes note of* the theme proposed by the Executive Director for the second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly; [Wednesday 19 October 2022 15.51](#)

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

The Executive Board

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

1. *[Adopts]* the report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme on the work of its first session of 2022; [Tuesday 1 November 2022 17.05](#)

2. *[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; [Tuesday 1 November 2022 17.05](#)

3. *[Also 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; [Tuesday 1 November 2022 17.05](#)

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

4. *[Takes note of]* the results of the survey conducted by the secretariat following the first 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; [Tuesday 1 November 2022 17.05](#)

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

5. *Decides* that the 2023 sessions of the Executive Board will be held as follows: the first session of 2023 will be held from [--] to [--] 2023 and the second session will be held from [--] to [--] 2023;
[Tuesday 1 November 2022 17.05](#)

6. *Also decides* that the provisional agenda for the first session of 2023 shall be as follows:

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Adoption of the agenda and the workplan for the second session of 2022;
 - (b) Adoption of the report on the second session of 2022.
3. Reports of the ad hoc working groups established by the Executive Board.
4. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters, including the implementation of the resource mobilization strategy in accordance with the strategic plan and UN-Habitat actions to address geographical and gender imbalances in the composition of its staff.
5. Mid-term evaluation of the implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023.
6. Reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions relevant to the work and activities of UN-Habitat.
7. Annual work programme of UN-Habitat and budget of the Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2024.
8. Briefing by the Executive Director on the implementation of the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat, including reporting on the programmatic activities of UN-Habitat in 2022 and the implementation of subprogrammes, flagship programmes and technical cooperation activities.
9. Preparations for the second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly.
10. Implementation of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly.
11. Briefing by the Executive Director on progress made in the implementation of the reform of the United Nations development system.
12. Annual report on action by UN-Habitat to strengthen protection against sexual exploitation and abuse and against sexual harassment and any other type of exploitation or abuse in the workplace.
13. Annual report on action by the Executive Director to update and improve the internal management, policies and procedures of UN-Habitat.
14. Election of officers of the Bureau.
15. Other matters.
16. Closure of the meeting.

[Tuesday 1 November 2022 17.05](#)