

## Informal consultation convened by the Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to UN-Habitat towards the second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly

Monday 6 March 2023  
10:00 hrs – 12:00 hrs and 14:30 – 16:00 East Africa Time (EAT)

### Agenda item 3 - Recommendations emanating from the meeting of the Bureau of the UN-Habitat Assembly held on 15 February 2023.

<b>Informal consultations by the CPR</b>	
<b>1.</b>	The Bureau recommended that the informal consultations by the Committee of Permanent Representatives on the preparations for the open-ended meeting of the CPR and for the Assembly itself be held in the morning and in the afternoon and requested the Secretariat to adjust the roadmap of meetings accordingly, which has been done in the latest version of the roadmap <b>sent to all of you on 2 March 2023.</b>
<b>2.</b>	The Bureau recommended that should <del>it that</del> be required, additional dates for the informal consultations by the CPR may be scheduled closer to the dates of the second-open ended meeting of the CPR.
<b>Submission of resolutions</b>	
<b>3.</b>	Appreciating the fact that it is the prerogative of any Member State to introduce a resolution at the Assembly, the Bureau strongly encouraged Member States to commit to submitting proposed resolutions as soon as possible and no later than <b>15 April 2023.</b> The Bureau further requested the Secretariat to convey this recommendation to all Member States which has been done <b>on 1 and 3 March 2023.</b>  The Bureau arrived at this recommendation so as to allow sufficient time for negotiations and consensus-building including through informal consultations organized by the Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives and through formal consultations during the open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives in preparation for the UN-Habitat Assembly.
<b>4.</b>	In addition, the Bureau also recommended that final submissions of draft resolutions for consideration by the second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly should be by the end of day two of the session on 6 June 2023.
<b>5.</b>	The Bureau further recommended that the Secretariat be available to offer substantive advice or technical inputs to Member States in preparing such draft resolutions. A Note Verbale has been sent by the Secretariat to the respective Chairs of the regional groups <b>on 21 February 2023</b> to confirm that the Secretariat is available to provide support as may be requested or as appropriate, including by facilitating discussions with the respective Regional Groups in Nairobi to provide substantive advice or technical inputs.
<b>Establishment of a sub-committee by the CPR</b>	
<b>6.</b>	The Bureau recommended that the CPR at its next open-ended meeting in preparation of the second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly consider establishing a subcommittee as provided in Rule 23.2 of the rule of procedure of the UN-Habitat Assembly.  The Bureau arrived at this recommendation taking into consideration the fact that a CPR subcommittee would be instrumental in the future in considering draft resolutions and in providing a framework both to Member States and to the Secretariat for the preparations towards the meetings of the CPR and sessions of the UN-Habitat Assembly.
<b>Format of the session of the UN-Habitat Assembly</b>	
<b>7.</b>	The Bureau recommended that the second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly scheduled from 5 to 9 June 2023 be held in a hybrid format.
<b>High-level representation</b>	

8.	<p>The Bureau recommended a high-level representation at the Ministerial level and for substantive representation at the session, given that the UN-Habitat Assembly only meets every four years and is expected to discuss key issues related to human settlements and urbanization.</p> <p>The Bureau further recommended the participation of local government, local authorities, academia, and training institutions to the session.</p>
<p><b>Proposed organisation of work</b></p>	
9.	<p>The Bureau recommended a preliminary proposed organization of work for the session as presented today under Agenda item 1.</p>
<p><b>Ministerial Declaration</b></p>	
10.	<p>The Chair suggested <u>for consideration by Member States</u> that discussions on the draft Ministerial Declaration to be endorsed by the second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly under the leadership of the President of the United Nations Assembly will be supported by Brazil and Ghana. The Chair further encouraged expressions of interests from other regional groups in supporting this process in order to ensure regional balance and inclusive negotiation of the draft Ministerial Declaration.</p>
<p><b>Preparations for the elections of the members of the Executive Board for the term 2023-2027 and officers of the 2023-2027 Bureau of the United Nations Habitat Assembly</b></p>	
11.	<p>The Bureau recommended that the Secretariat sends a Note Verbale inviting Member States to start caucusing with a view to nominating their representatives to the respective Bureaux of the UN-Habitat Assembly for 2023-2027, the Committee of Permanent Representatives for 2023-2025, the Executive Board for 2023-2024 and on the election of the membership of the Executive Board for 2023-2027. This has been sent on to all Member States <b>on 17 February 2023.</b></p>