



2023 Second Meeting of the Bureau of the United Nations Habitat

Assembly

Hybrid

Monday, 24 April 2023, 14:30 hrs. to 16:00 hrs. East Africa Time

Statement by the Chair of the CPR under agenda items 3 and 4.

(Draft of 22 April 2023)

Agenda item 3: Discussion on the alignment of the UN-Habitat strategic planning cycles and cycle of election of the offices of the governing bodies with the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review process (QCPR).

Intervention to confirm the recommendation of the CPR Bureau on 21 April on the best option to align the UN-Habitat Planning, the election of offices of the governing bodies, with Cycles with the QCPR:

Thank you, Madam President, for giving me the floor.

I wish to confirm that on 21 April 2023 the CPR Bureau after carefully considering the options presented by the Secretariat on possible alignment of the UN-Habitat Planning, the election of offices of the governing bodies, with the QCPR process, decided to recommend an early alignment in 2025.

We took into consideration the following:

1. That the Executive Board at its 2021 second session already recommended that the Assembly consider an extension of the current strategic plan 2020 to 2023 to cover the period 2020 to 2025 and therefore no new Strategic plan has been prepared.
2. That UN-Habitat was in the minority of UN organizations that had already aligned with the QCPR and that it is within our mandate as Member States to ensure such an alignment occurs.
3. We also appreciated the need for offices of the Governing Bodies to be elected to also be aligned in terms of their tenure of office, with the

proposed early alignment in 2025. This may require the suspension of some rules of procedure of the UN-Habitat Assembly but it is a desired option so that from 2025 onwards, we are fully aligned with the QCPR and that each Governing Body is able to discharge its functions seamlessly in line with the rules of Procedure.

4. We recognized that we need to take this conversation to Member States through the informal consultations of the CPR, as a recommendation of not just the CPR Bureau, but possibly through the meeting today, as a recommendation the Bureau of the UN-Habitat Assembly.

I thank you, Madam President.

MADAM CHAIR, YOU WILL WAIT TILL WE GET TO UNDER ITEM 4 TO PRESENT THIS.

Agenda item 4: Any other Matters

Proposed “AOB” item by the chair of the CPR on the sequence for the CPR informal consultations to be held on 25 April 2023.

Excellencies, and fellow Bureau Members, especially of the CPR, given the exhaustive discussions we have just had under agenda item 3, I would like to propose that for the informal consultations to be held tomorrow, 25 April 2023, Member States will:

1. First consider the three draft resolutions already submitted by France, South Africa and Estonia be introduced by the sponsors supported by the Secretariat as necessary, and subject to the desire of the meeting, this will be followed by a paragraph-by-paragraph review. But I will propose this to the meeting first.
2. I will then encourage the sponsors of the four draft decisions which are still under drafting, to consider urgently tabling the drafts. These include: that is the one on BiodiverCities by Colombia and the three on crisis, financing and planning by the regional group of African States.
3. Finally, and should time allow, during that meeting, we will introduce the recommended option for alignment of the planning cycles of UN-Habitat and the election of Officers of the governing bodies with the QCPR, based on the recommendation of the meeting today.