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Executive Board of the United Nations  
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6-8 May 2024  
Item 2 (a) of the provisional agenda  
Organizational matters

## Update on the work of the 2024 Bureau of the Executive Board towards preparations of the session.

1. The third session of the Executive Board for the year 2023 was held from 28 to 30 November 2023. At that session, the Executive Board decided that, subject to review by the Bureau, the 2024 first session of the Executive Board be held for a duration of three days from 6 to 8 May 2024. The Bureau of the Executive Board met on 2 February 2024 and recommended that the first session of the Executive Board for the year 2024 be held for a duration of three days from 6 to 8 May 2024 fully in-person at the UN-Habitat Headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya at the United Nations Office at Nairobi (UNON) Complex, Gigiri. The Bureau also recommended the proposed provisional Agenda for the first session of the Executive Board.

2. Subsequently, the Bureau of the Executive Board met four times, on 2 February 2024, 15 March 2024, 22 April 2024 and 3 May 2024, to review the preparations for the first session of the year 2024. During these meetings, the Bureau recommended the following:

- a) That the session be held in a fully in person format from 6 to 8 May 2024.
- b) The provisional Agenda for the first session of the Executive Board for the year 2024 which can be accessed [here](#).
- c) The proposed organization of work for the first session of the Executive Board for the year 2024 which can be accessed [here](#).
- d) That two items related to the programme be included in the agenda of the first session of the Executive Board for the year 2024 as follows:
  - a. Under the agenda item 14 of the provisional Agenda for the session which is “any other matters”, MOPAN would brief the Executive Board on its ongoing assessment of UN-Habitat.
  - b. A side event by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on “Quality of Life Initiative” was being planned to be held on the sidelines of the Executive Board on 7 May 2024 in the evening but which would not coincide with plenary meetings of the Executive Board.
- e) That the second session of the Executive Board for the year 2024 be held for a duration of 3 days from 4 December to 6 December 2024 and that those dates be included in the technical

inputs towards the draft decisions to be first considered by the ad hoc working group on programmatic budgetary and administrative matters during its informal consultations and subsequently by the Executive Board in its first session.

3. The detailed summaries of discussions emanating from the meetings of the Bureau of the Executive Board held on 2 February 2024, 15 March 2024 and 22 April 2024 can be accessed on the following link <https://unhabitat.org/governance/executive-board> under “Bureau” > “Bureau meetings of the Executive Board”.

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