



Twenty-sixth session

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Item 5 of the provisional agenda*

**Activities of the United Nations Human Settlements
Programme, including coordination matters**

**Work of the Committee of Permanent Representatives during
the intersessional period**

Addendum

Note by the secretariat

The secretariat hereby transmits to the Governing Council at its twenty-sixth session the report of the sixty-fourth regular meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), held on 20 March 2017, as part of its work for the period 2015–2017.

**Report of the Committee of Permanent Representatives on its
work during the intersessional period**

Summary

At its sixty-fourth regular meeting, held on 20 March 2017, the Committee of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) adopted its report for the period 2015–2017 for submission to the Governing Council at its twenty-sixth session for its consideration.

I. Introduction

1. The Committee of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), the intersessional subsidiary body of the Governing Council, held its sixty-fourth regular meeting on 20 March 2017.

**II. Sixty-fourth regular meeting of the Committee of Permanent
Representatives to the United Nations Human Settlements
Programme, held on 20 March 2017**

2. At the sixty-fourth regular meeting, the Executive Director briefed on the preparations for the forthcoming twenty-sixth session of the Governing Council of UN-Habitat, to be held in May 2017, including the proposed theme of the session and the preparation of the key documents to be considered by the Council, namely the work programme and budget for the biennium 2018–2019 and the

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mid-term revision of the strategic plan for the period 2014–2019, which would incorporate the outcomes of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Development (Habitat III), held in Quito in October 2016. The Executive Director also highlighted the report of the Multilateral Organization Performance Assessment Network’s assessment of UN-Habitat for the period 2015–2016, stating that the assessment was generally positive but focused on areas where UN-Habitat could improve delivery in the coming years. He emphasized that the assessment was a timely intervention in the run-up to the two-day high-level meeting to be convened in New York in early September 2017 during the seventy-second session of the General Assembly, at which the future strengthening of UN-Habitat would be considered.

3. The Executive Director singled out the recent visit by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. António Guterres, to the United Nations Office at Nairobi, and his decision to visit a UN-Habitat field programme in the Mathare informal settlement, which lent support to UN-Habitat activities in the field, highlighting programmes in the African region in particular.

4. On post-Habitat III developments, the Executive Director welcomed the endorsement of the New Urban Agenda by the General Assembly in its resolution 71/256 and the related resolutions adopted by the Second and Fifth Committees. The New Urban Agenda reaffirmed the role and expertise of UN-Habitat, within its mandate, as a focal point for sustainable urbanization and human settlements. He also welcomed the role entrusted to UN-Habitat in coordinating the four-yearly reports on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda in coordination with other United Nations entities. He called for the effectiveness, accountability and oversight of UN-Habitat to be enhanced to enable it to carry out that role. He also drew attention to the UN-Habitat website (<http://nua.unhabitat.org/>), which provided analysis of the New Urban Agenda and the role of UN-Habitat in its implementation.

5. The Committee, through the Chair, approved the draft documents related to the twenty-sixth session of the Governing Council, including the report on the work of the Committee of Permanent Representatives during the intersessional period (HSP/GC/26/3), the work programme and budget for the biennium 2018–2019 (HSP/GC/26/6) and the draft revised strategic plan for the period 2014–2019 (HSP/GC/26/6/Add.3). The Committee further mandated its subcommittee on policy and programme of work to discuss draft resolutions towards the twenty-sixth session for onward transmission to the Governing Council for its consideration as an addendum to the note by the secretariat on the work of the Committee of Permanent Representatives during the intersessional period (HSP/GC/26/3/Add.1).

6. The Committee also discussed the financial status of UN-Habitat as well as the work of UN-Habitat in the Syrian Arab Republic. The Committee took note of the work of its subcommittees in the interim.

7. Ms. Julia Pataki, Permanent Representative of Romania and Chair of the working group on programme and budget, outlined the key points dealt with at the fourth formal meeting of the working group, held in February 2017. The working group urged the Executive Director to implement all actionable recommendations made by the working group. The working group also recommended the extension of its mandate by the Governing Council at its twenty-sixth session and proposed the preparation of a draft resolution to that effect.