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67th REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVES TO UNITED NATIONS HUMAN SETTLEMENTS
PROGRAMME

14 December 2017

Agenda Item 10:

Discussion at the United Nations General Assembly with bearing on UN-Habitat
a. **Draft General Assembly Resolution on Strengthening UN-Habitat**

(HSP/CPR/67/10)

Briefing on the Resolution "Implementation of the outcomes of the United Nations Conferences on Human Settlements and on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)"

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Member States Negotiations for the Resolution "Implementation of the outcomes of the United Nations Conferences on Human Settlements and on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)"

Briefing

- Member States successfully concluded the negotiations on the annual UN-Habitat related resolution: "Implementation of the outcomes of the United Nations Conferences on Human Settlements and on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)";
- The main aim of the resolution is to take decisions on the further reform of UN-Habitat, following up on the outcome of the High Level Panel Secretary-General's High-level Independent Panel to Assess and Enhance the Effectiveness of UN-Habitat and the high-level meeting of the General Assembly at its seventy-first session on the effective implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the positioning of UN-Habitat in that regard, and its summary by the President of the General Assembly;
- Member States debated the relationship between the re-positioning of UN-Habitat and that of the broader UN Development System.
- Delegates felt they were not in a position to take final decisions on the inter-related matters of governance and financing of UN-Habitat. For that purpose, the resolution creates an open-ended working group, to be put in place by the Chair of the CPR to detail recommendations on governance, including UN-Habitat's institutional architecture for its operational activities, and financing.
- There are no immediate budgetary consequences (PBIs) to the current resolution. MS agreed on a strategic financing dialogue to review the financing needs of UN-Habitat, which can then be reflected in the next work programme and budget 2020-2021.
- The working group would need to conclude its work by 30th June 2018 in view of final decisions in the 73rd GA.