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Reports on the implementation of the UN-Habitat  
strategic plans: implementation of the strategic plan  
for the period 2020–2023: accountability framework

## Progress in the implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023: revision of the accountability framework

### Report of the Executive Director

1. On 20 November 2019, the Executive Board of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, in its decision 2019/1, requested the Executive Director to submit for approval by the Executive Board at its first session of 2020 an accountability framework, along with monitoring and evaluation mechanisms for assessing the implementation of the framework. This was based on the request by the United Nations Habitat Assembly in its resolution 1/1 of 31 May 2019 that an accountability framework be presented to the Executive Board for approval.
2. As a programme of the United Nations Secretariat, the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) is governed by the existing accountability system of the United Nations Secretariat. In 2015, UN-Habitat also developed a programme accountability framework, which was meant to be specific to UN-Habitat and which complemented the accountability system of the United Nations Secretariat. The 2015 accountability framework has been made available for the information of the Executive Board as document HSP/EB.2020/INF/4.
3. UN-Habitat sees an opportunity to update and strengthen its accountability framework and to realign it with the requirements of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023, the Programme's vision and mission statement,<sup>1</sup> and other institutional and governance developments.
4. However, owing to ongoing organizational restructuring, UN-Habitat will not be able to finalize the revision of the accountability framework in time for the Executive Board's first session of 2020. The organizational structure will be an integral component of the framework as it will clarify organizational and individual roles and responsibilities and lines of authority.
5. UN-Habitat is committed to finalizing the revision of the accountability framework, along with the monitoring and evaluation mechanisms for assessing the framework's implementation, in time for the Executive Board's second session of 2020.

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\* HSP/EB.2020/1.

<sup>1</sup> HSP/HA/1/7, paras. 35 and 36.