

Virtual first session of the Executive Board of the year 2020 – Monday 29 June 2020

Note on the virtual session of the Executive Board in the year 2020 and on the practice of silent procedure established by the General Assembly

(2 June 2020)

i. Recommendation from the Bureau of the Executive Board on the virtual first session of the Board in 2020

- a) The Bureau, during its meeting on 11 May 2020 recommended that the outcomes of the first session of the Executive Board, due to the fact that it is being held virtually and for one day only, be limited inter-alia in scope with respect to negotiations and to be procedural in nature.
- b) This is to take account of the fact that for this first virtual session of the Executive Board, the ability to negotiate substantive outcomes will be highly limited.

ii. Election of the new Bureau of the Executive Board and adoption of the provisional Agenda for the second session in 2020

Ideally and from a practical perspective, the draft decision on election of the Bureau, that contains the names of the candidates nominated by the regional groups, could be circulated to Member States prior to the first session. In addition, the provisional Agenda for the second session of the Board should be circulated also to Member States during that same period. These 2 decisions may be adopted during the first session on 29 June 2020.

iii. Consideration of draft decisions/resolutions by the Executive Board of UN-Habitat via the silent procedure when it is not in session

- a) The Executive Board of UN-Habitat should decide whether or not to adopt its own procedure for decision making by silence procedure when the Board is either not physically in session or not holding its session online.
- b) A draft decision enabling the Executive Board to take decisions under silence procedure is attached.
- c) The enabling draft decision would have to be adopted at the beginning of the first session of the Executive Board on 29 June 2020.