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Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme on the work of its second session of 2020

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I. Introduction

1. The Executive Board of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) was established in accordance with General Assembly resolution 73/239 of 20 December 2018, on implementation of the outcomes of the United Nations Conferences on Human Settlements and on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development and strengthening of UN-Habitat. The Executive Board held its first session on 30 May 2019 on the sidelines of the first session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly, resuming that session on 19 and 20 November 2019. The first session of 2020 of the Executive Board was held online on 29 June and 29 July 2020. At that session, the Executive Board decided, by its decision 2020/2, to hold its second session of 2020 for three days between 27 and 29 October 2020. At its meeting of 10 August 2020, the newly elected Bureau of the Executive Board decided, in view of the evolving global situation with regard to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, that the second session of the Executive Board would be held online.

II. Opening of the session

2. The second session of 2020 of the Executive Board of UN-Habitat was opened at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 27 October 2020, by the Chair, Mr. Jafaar Barmaki (Islamic Republic of Iran). The Chair outlined the arrangements for the online session, including the schedule for the provision of interpretation into the six official languages of the United Nations, which was available for four hours daily. The Chair also highlighted the Bureau's recommendation with regard to the agenda items to be prioritized for interpretation. The Executive Board agreed to adopt those arrangements.

3. A minute of silence was observed to remember colleagues who had recently passed away, specifically Mr. Alioune Badiane, former Director of the Programme Division of UN-Habitat, and Mr. Anthony Andanje, former Permanent Representative of Kenya to UN-Habitat.

4. Opening statements were delivered by Ms. Martha Delgado Peralta, President of the United Nations Habitat Assembly (UN-Habitat Assembly); Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Executive Director of UN-Habitat; and Mr. Charles Hinga Mwaura, Principal Secretary of the State Department for Housing and Urban Development of Kenya.

III. Organizational matters

A. Adoption of the agenda and the workplan for the second session of 2020

5. The Executive Board adopted the agenda for its second session of 2020 on the basis of the provisional agenda (HSP/EB.2020/19) and the annotated provisional agenda (HSP/EB.2020/19/Add.1), as follows:

1. Opening of the session.
 - (a) Organizational matters;
 - (b) Adoption of the agenda and the workplan for the second session of 2020;
 - (c) Adoption of the report of the Executive Board on the work of its first session of 2020.
2. Reports by the chairs of the ad hoc working groups.
3. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters.
4. Action by UN-Habitat to address geographical and gender imbalances in the composition of its staff.
5. Discussion and possible approval of the draft work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and the draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2021.
6. Implementation of UN-Habitat strategic plans:
 - (a) Annual report for 2019 on the strategic plan for the period 2014–2019;
 - (b) Update on the final report on the strategic plan for the period 2014–2019 and the ongoing evaluation of the strategic plan for the period 2014–2019;
 - (c) Implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023:
 - (i) Accountability framework;
 - (ii) Financial plan;
 - (iii) Results-based management policy;
 - (iv) Results framework;
 - (v) Partnership strategy, including UN-Habitat engagement with the private sector and with non-governmental partners;
 - (vi) Impact communication strategy;
 - (vii) Resource mobilization strategy and review of the investment funds.
7. Status of implementation of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the UN-Habitat Assembly at its first session.
8. Development of the capacity-building strategy.
9. Normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat, including reporting on the programmatic activities of UN-Habitat in 2020 and the implementation of subprogrammes, flagship programmes and technical cooperation activities.
10. Action by UN-Habitat to strengthen protection against sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment in the workplace.
11. Implementation by UN-Habitat of the reform of the development system and management of the United Nations and alignment of the planning cycles of UN-Habitat with the quadrennial comprehensive policy review process.
12. Annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services to the Executive Board.
13. Annual report of the Ethics Office to the Executive Board.
14. Provisional agenda for the next session of the Executive Board.
15. Other matters.
16. Closure of the session.

B. Proposed organization of work for the second session

6. The Executive Board agreed to follow the proposed organization of work and timetable for the second session of 2020 of the Executive Board, as set out in annex III to the annotated provisional agenda (HSP/EB.2020/19/Add.1). Draft decisions for consideration by the Executive Board as recommended by the Bureau were presented by the Chair of the Executive Board and circulated in as conference room paper.

C. Adoption of the report of the Executive Board on the work of its first session of 2020

7. The Executive Board adopted the report of the Executive Board of UN-Habitat on the work of its first session, held on 29 June and 29 July 2020 (HSP/EB.2020/18).

D. Attendance

8. The session was attended by representatives of the following 35 Member States of the UN-Habitat Executive Board: Angola, Argentina, Brazil, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Japan, Kenya, Malawi, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal, Serbia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, United States of America and Uruguay.

9. The session was also attended by the following observers that are States Members of the United Nations: Algeria, Austria, Belgium, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Colombia, Comoros, Côte d'Ivoire, Czechia, Djibouti, Ecuador, Eritrea, Finland, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Iraq, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritius, Mozambique, Myanmar, Netherlands, Norway, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, South Africa, Switzerland, Thailand, Tunisia, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Zimbabwe.

10. The session was also attended by the following observers that are members of specialized agencies of the United Nations: European Union, State of Palestine.

11. The session was also attended by the following observers: Holy See, Order of Malta.

IV. Reports by the chairs of the ad hoc working groups

12. The chairs of the ad hoc working groups created by decisions adopted at the resumed first session of the Executive Board in November 2019 provided an overview of the work of those groups. Briefings were made by Ms. Julia Pataki (Romania) co-chair of the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters on the work of the group; by Ms. Nancy Sifa, Deputy Permanent Representative of Kenya to UN-Habitat, on the work of the ad hoc working group on working methods; and Ms. Saqlain Syedah (Pakistan), co-chair of the ad hoc working group on the development of a draft stakeholder engagement policy on the work of the group.

13. Following the briefings, a statement was made by the representative of the following Member State of the Executive Board: the United States. Statements were also delivered by the representatives of Eritrea, speaking on behalf of the group of African States; the European Union; and the State of Palestine, speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

14. The Executive Board adopted part (a), on reports of the Executive Board and its working groups, of decision 2020/6, on methods of work of the Executive Board and the workplan of the Executive Board for 2021. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2020/29.

V. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters

15. Introducing the item, for which interpretation was available in the six United Nations languages, the Chair drew attention to the report of the Executive Director on the interim financial status of UN-Habitat as at 30 June 2020 (HSP/EB.2020/21), the report of the Executive Director providing an update on the ongoing restructuring of UN-Habitat (HSP/EB.2020/21/Add.1), the report of the Executive Director on staffing as at 30 June 2020 (HSP/EB.2020/21/Add.2), and the financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019 and report of the Board of Auditors (A/75/5/Add.9). The Secretariat had also prepared updates on the interim financial status and the staffing of UN-Habitat as at 30 September 2020, which were set out in conference room papers.

16. The Executive Director delivered a statement on the financial, budgetary and administrative matters of UN-Habitat. Representatives of the secretariat gave a presentation providing further information on financial, budgetary and administrative matters, including the financial status of UN-Habitat as at 30 June 2020, with an update as at 30 September 2020; an update on the restructuring and financing of UN-Habitat; resource mobilization efforts, including the implementation of the resource mobilization strategy; and the status of staffing as at 30 June 2020, with an update as at 30 September 2020.

17. Following the presentation, statements were made by the representatives of the following Member States of the Executive Board: Brazil, Canada, Egypt, Japan, Malawi, Russian Federation, Serbia, Sweden, United States. Statements were also delivered by the representatives of Eritrea, speaking on behalf of the group of African States; the State of Palestine, speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China; and Switzerland. The Executive Director responded to the issues raised.

18. The Executive Board adopted decision 2020/4, on financial, budgetary and administrative matters of UN-Habitat. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2020/29.

VI. Action by UN-Habitat to address geographical and gender imbalances in the composition of its staff

19. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the reports of the Executive Director on staffing as at 30 June 2020 (HSP/EB.2020/21/Add.2), on recruitment, equitable geographical distribution and gender parity (HSP/EB.2020/3/Add.1), and on staffing as at 30 September 2020, which was set out in a conference room paper.

20. The Executive Director provided an update on the initiatives of UN-Habitat to address geographical and gender imbalances in its staffing. The representative of the secretariat gave a presentation on gender and geographical distribution within UN-Habitat, including key challenges.

21. Following the presentation, statements were made by the representatives of the following Member States of the Executive Board: Brazil; Democratic Republic of the Congo, speaking on behalf of the group of African States; Egypt; France; Russian Federation and Sweden. Statements were also delivered by the representatives of the State of Palestine, speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China; the World Blind Union; and the constituency of local and regional governments. The Executive Director and the representatives of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.

22. The Executive Board took note of the reports of the Executive Director on staffing as at 30 June 2020 (HSP/EB.2020/21/Add.2), on recruitment, equitable geographical distribution and gender parity (HSP/EB.2020/3/Add.1), and on staffing as at 30 September 2020, which was set out in a conference room paper.

VII. Discussion and possible approval of the draft work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and the draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2021

23. Introducing the item, for which interpretation was available in the six official languages of the United Nations, the Chair drew attention to the draft work programme and budget for 2021 (HSP/EB.2020/22) and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (HSP/EB.2020/22/Add.1).

24. The Executive Director delivered a statement on the draft work programme of UN-Habitat and the draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2021, and provided information on the alignment of the sessions of the Executive Board for 2021 with the preparatory and approval process of the draft work programme and budget for 2022. A representative of the secretariat gave a presentation providing further information on the draft work programme and budget of for 2021. Another representative of the secretariat gave a presentation on the financial and administrative implications of funding reductions, and on the alignment of the UN-Habitat extrabudgetary and regular budget processes for 2021 and 2022.

25. Following the presentations, statements were made by the representatives of the following Member States of the Executive Board: Germany, Malawi, Sweden, United States. The Executive Director and the representatives of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.

26. The Executive Board took note of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the work programme and budget for 2021 (HSP/EB.2020/22/Add.1).
27. The Executive Board adopted part (c), on the draft work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and the draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2021, of decision 2020/3, on implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2014–2019, the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023, approval of the draft annual work programme and draft budget for 2021, implementation by UN-Habitat of the reform of the development system and management of the United Nations and alignment of the planning cycles of UN-Habitat with the quadrennial comprehensive policy review process. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2020/29. The Executive Board also adopted part (b), on alignment of the 2021 sessions of the Executive Board with the approval process of the draft work programme and budget of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for 2022, of decision 2020/6, on methods of work of the Executive Board and the workplan of the Executive Board for 2021. The decision is set out in the annex to the present report.
28. The Chair then introduced the matter of the UN-Habitat response to the COVID-19 pandemic, drawing attention to the report of the Executive Director on the matter (HSP/EB.2020/INF/3).
29. The representative of the secretariat gave a presentation on the activities of UN-Habitat during the period March to August 2020 in response to the pandemic.
30. Following the presentation, statements were made by the representatives of the following Member States of the Executive Board: Canada, Nigeria, Russian Federation, Serbia, Sweden. The Executive Director responded to the issues raised.
31. The Executive Board took note of the report of the Executive Director on the UN-Habitat response to the COVID-19 pandemic (HSP/EB.2020/INF/3).

VIII. Implementation of UN-Habitat strategic plans

A. Annual report for 2019 on the strategic plan for the period 2014–2019

B. Update on the final report on the strategic plan for the period 2014–2019 and the ongoing evaluation of the strategic plan for the period 2014–2019

32. The Executive Board agreed to consider agenda sub-items 6 (a) and 6 (b) together.
33. Introducing the sub-items, for which interpretation was available in the six official languages of the United Nations, the Chair drew attention to the following documents pertaining to sub-item 6 (a): the annual progress report for 2019 on the implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2014–2019 (HSP/EB.2020/5/Add.1), and the full annual progress report for 2019 (HSP/EB.2020/INF/4). He also drew attention to the following documents pertaining to sub-item 6 (b): the report of the Executive Director on an update on the final report of the full cycle of the 2014–2019 UN-Habitat strategic plan, including on the inception of the evaluation report (HSP/EB.2020/5); the note by the secretariat on the full-cycle report on the implementation of the strategic plan of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for the period 2014–2019 (HSP/EB.2020/23); the full-cycle report on the implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2014–2019 (HSP/EB.2020/INF/5); the overview of the final evaluation of the implementation of the strategic plan of UN-Habitat for the period 2014–2019 (HSP/EB.2020/23/Add.1); and the full report of the final evaluation of the implementation of the strategic plan of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for the period 2014–2019 (HSP/EB.2020/INF/6).
34. The Executive Director then delivered a statement on the sub-items. The representative of the secretariat gave a presentation on the annual report for 2019 on the implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2014–2019, by subprogramme, under sub-item 6 (a), and on the update on the final report on the strategic plan for the period 2014–2019 and the ongoing evaluation of the strategic plan for the period 2014–2019 under sub-item 6 (b).
35. Following the presentation, statements were made by the representatives of the following Member States of the Executive Board: Germany, Serbia, Sweden.
36. The Executive Board adopted part (a), on implementation of the strategic plan of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for the period 2014–2019, of decision 2020/3, on implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2014–2019, the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023, approval of the draft annual work programme and draft budget for 2021, implementation

by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme of the reform of the development system and management of the United Nations, and alignment of the planning cycles of the Programme with the quadrennial comprehensive policy review process. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2020/29.

C. Implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023

37. Introducing the sub-item, for which interpretation was available in the six official languages of the United Nations, the Chair drew attention to the documents of relevance to progress in the implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023, as they pertained to the sub-sections of the sub-item, namely, for subsection (i), on the accountability framework, the note by the secretariat entitled “Organizational and personnel accountability within the United Nations Human Settlements Programme: implementing the accountability framework of the United Nations Secretariat” (HSP/EB.2020/24); and for subsections (ii) to (vii), the relevant subsections of the report of the Executive Director on progress in the implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023, as follows: (ii) draft financial plan (HSP/EB.2020/7); (iii) draft results-based management policy (HSP/EB.2020/8); (iv) draft results framework (HSP/EB.2020/9/Rev.1); (v) draft partnership strategy, including UN-Habitat engagement with the private sector and with non-governmental partners (HSP/EB.2020/10/Rev.1); (vi) draft communication strategy (HSP/EB.2020/11/Rev.1); and (vii) draft resource mobilization strategy and review of the investment funds (HSP/EB.2020/12/Rev.1).

38. The Executive Director delivered a statement on the implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023. The representatives of the secretariat gave a presentation on the matter.

39. Following the presentation, statements were made by the representatives of the following Member States of the Executive Board: Canada, Egypt, France, Germany, Morocco, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, United States. The Executive Director and the representatives of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.

40. The Executive Board adopted part (b), on implementation of the strategic plan of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for the period 2020–2023, of decision 2020/3, on implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2014–2019, the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023, approval of the draft annual work programme and draft budget for 2021, implementation by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme of the reform of the development system and management of the United Nations and alignment of the planning cycles of the Programme with the quadrennial comprehensive policy review process. The decision is set out in in document HSP/EB.2020/29.

IX. Status of implementation of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the UN-Habitat Assembly at its first session

41. Under the item, the Executive Board considered the status of implementation of the following resolutions and decision adopted by the UN-Habitat Assembly at its first session: resolution 1/2 on United Nations System-Wide Guidelines on Safer Cities and Human Settlements; resolution 1/3 on enhancing capacity-building for the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the urban dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; resolution 1/4 on achieving gender equality through the work of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme to support inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable cities and human settlements; resolution 1/5 on enhancing urban-rural linkages for sustainable urbanization and human settlements; and decision 1/3 on arrangements for the transition towards the new governance structure of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme.

42. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the report by the Executive Director on progress in the implementation of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme at its first session (HSP/EB.2020/25) and the concept note on the implementation of a review process for the United Nations System-Wide Guidelines on Safer Cities and Human Settlements (HSP/EB.2020/13/Add.2).

43. The Executive Director delivered a statement on the matter. The representative of the secretariat gave a presentation on the progress made in implementing resolutions 1/2, 1/3, 1/4 and 1/5 and decision 1/3.

44. Following the presentation, statements were made by the representatives of the following Member States of the Executive Board: Canada; Costa Rica; Democratic Republic of the Congo, speaking on behalf of the group of African States; Serbia; Sweden; United States. A statement was

also delivered by the representative of the State of Palestine, speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China. The Executive Director and the representatives of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.

45. The Executive Board adopted part (a), on implementation of resolutions and decisions adopted at the first session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly, of decision 2020/5, on implementation of normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, including resolutions and decisions of the United Nations Habitat Assembly, and reporting on the programmatic activities of the Programme in 2020 and the implementation of subprogrammes, flagship programmes and technical cooperation activities. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2020/29.

X. Development of the capacity-building strategy

46. Introducing the item, for which interpretation was available in the six official languages of the United Nations, the Chair drew attention to the draft capacity-building strategy for implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and the New Urban Agenda (HSP/EB.2020/13/Add.1) and to the draft implementation plan for the capacity-building strategy for 2021, which was set out in a conference room paper.

47. The Executive Director delivered a statement on the development of the draft capacity-building strategy. The representative of the secretariat gave a presentation on the matter.

48. Following the presentation, statements were made by the representatives of the following Member States of the Executive Board: Democratic Republic of the Congo, speaking on behalf of the group of African States; Egypt; Pakistan; United States. The Executive Director and the representative of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.

49. The Executive Board adopted part (b), on implementation of the draft capacity-building strategy for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and the New Urban Agenda, of decision 2020/5, on implementation of normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, including resolutions and decisions of the United Nations Habitat Assembly, and reporting on the programmatic activities of the Programme in 2020 and the implementation of subprogrammes, flagship programmes and technical cooperation activities. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2020/29.

XI. Normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat, including reporting on the programmatic activities of UN-Habitat in 2020 and the implementation of subprogrammes, flagship programmes and technical cooperation activities

50. Introducing the item, for which interpretation was available in the six official languages of the United Nations, the Chair drew attention to the report of the Executive Director entitled “Normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat: focus on the Global Land Tool Network, the Global Water Operators’ Partnerships Alliance and the Mozambique country programme” (HSP/EB.2020/14); the report of the Executive Director entitled “Normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat: the flagship programmes” (HSP/EB.2020/26); the report of the Executive Director on the tenth session of the World Urban Forum (HSP/EB.2020/27); and the report of the tenth session of the World Urban Forum (HSP/EB.2020/INF/7).

51. The Executive Director delivered a statement on the item. The representative of the secretariat gave a presentation on the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat, as exemplified by the Global Land Tool Network, the Global Water Operators’ Partnerships Alliance and the Mozambique country programme, and on the five flagship programmes. Another representative of the secretariat gave a presentation on the tenth session of the World Urban Forum.

52. Following the presentations, statements were made by the representatives of the following Member States of the Executive Board: Democratic Republic of the Congo; speaking on behalf of the group of African States; Egypt; France; Republic of Korea; Senegal; United States. The Executive Director and the representatives of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.

53. The Executive Board adopted part (c), on implementation of the normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, of decision 2020/5, on implementation of the normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, including resolutions and decisions of the United Nations Habitat Assembly, and reporting on the programmatic activities of the Programme in 2020 and the implementation of

subprogrammes, flagship programmes and technical cooperation activities. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2020/29.

XII. Action by UN-Habitat to strengthen protection against sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment in the workplace

54. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to a report on UN-Habitat action to strengthen protection against sexual exploitation and abuse and against workplace sexual harassment, as requested by the General Assembly (HSP/EB.2020/15).

55. The Executive Director delivered a statement on action by UN-Habitat to strengthen protection against sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment in the workplace. The representative of the secretariat gave a presentation on the matter.

56. Following the presentation, statements were made by the representatives of the following Member States of the Executive Board: Argentina, Canada, Egypt, Sweden, United States. The Executive Director and the representative of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.

57. The Executive Board adopted decision 2020/4, on financial, budgetary and administrative matters of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2020/29.

XIII. Implementation by UN-Habitat of the reform of the development system and management of the United Nations and alignment of the planning cycles of UN-Habitat with the quadrennial comprehensive policy review process

58. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to a report of the Executive Director on the implementation by UN-Habitat of the reform of the development system and management of the United Nations (HSP/EB.2020/16) and a report of the Executive Director on alignment of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review with UN-Habitat planning cycles (HSP/EB.2020/16/Add.1).

59. The Executive Director delivered a statement on the item. The representative of the secretariat gave a presentation on the implementation by UN-Habitat of the reforms of the development system and management of the United Nations.

60. Following the presentation, statements were made by the representatives of the following Member States of the Executive Board: Canada, Egypt, Japan, Serbia, Sweden, United States. A statement was also made by the representative of the European Union. The Executive Director and the representatives of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.

61. The Executive Board adopted part (d), on alignment of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review process with the planning cycles of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, and part (e), on implementation by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme of the reform of the development system and management of the United Nations, of decision 2020/3, on implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2014–2019, the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023, approval of the draft annual work programme and draft budget for 2021, implementation by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme of the reform of the development system and management of the United Nations and alignment of the planning cycles of the Programme with the quadrennial comprehensive policy review process. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2020/29.

XIV. Annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services to the Executive Board

62. Introducing the item, for which interpretation was available in the six official languages of the United Nations, the Chair drew attention to the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 (A/74/305, Part I).

63. The representative of the secretariat gave a presentation on the annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services.

64. The Executive Board took note of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on its activities for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 (A/74/305, Part I).

XV. Annual report of the Ethics Office to the Executive Board

65. Introducing the item, for which interpretation was available in the six official languages of the United Nations, the Chair drew attention to the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Ethics Office (A/75/82).
66. The representative of the secretariat gave a presentation on the annual report of the Ethics Office.
67. The Executive Board took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Ethics Office (A/75/82).

XVI. Provisional agenda for the next session of the Executive Board

68. Introducing the item, for which interpretation was available in the six official languages of the United Nations, the Chair outlined the factors relevant to the timing of the sessions of the Executive Board to be held in 2021, and presented the proposed provisional agenda for the first session of 2021, as recommended by the Bureau.
69. The representatives of the secretariat provided further details on the alignment of the 2021 workplan of the Executive Board with the approval process of the draft annual work programme and budget of UN-Habitat for 2022.
70. A statement was made by the representative of the following Member State of the Executive Board: United States. The Executive Director and the representative of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.
71. The Executive Board adopted part (b), on alignment of the 2021 sessions of the Executive Board with the approval process of the draft work programme and budget of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for 2022, and part (c), on the date and agenda for the next session of the Executive Board and its workplan for the year 2021, of decision 2020/6, on methods of work of the Executive Board and the workplan of the Executive Board for 2021. The decision is set out document HSP/EB.2020/29.

XVII. Outcomes of the session

72. At its second session of 2020, the Executive Board adopted the following decisions, which are set out in document HSP/EB.2020/29.
- (a) Decision 2020/3 on the implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2014–2019, the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023, approval of the draft work programme and draft budget for 2021, implementation by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme of the reform of the development system and management of the United Nations and alignment of the planning cycles of the Programme with the quadrennial comprehensive policy review process, comprising:
- (i) Part (a): Implementation of the strategic plan of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for the period 2014–2019;
 - (ii) Part (b): Implementation of the strategic plan of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for the period 2020–2023;
 - (iii) Part (c): Draft work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and the draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2021;
 - (iv) Part (d): Alignment of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review process with the planning cycles of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme;
 - (v) Part (e): Implementation by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme of the reform of the development system and management of the United Nations.
- (b) Decision 2020/4 on financial, budgetary and administrative matters of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme;
- (c) Decision 2020/5 on the implementation of normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, including resolutions and decisions of the United Nations Habitat Assembly, and reporting on the programmatic activities of the

Programme in 2020 and the implementation of subprogrammes, flagship programmes and technical cooperation activities, comprising:

- (i) Part (a): Implementation of resolutions and decisions adopted at the first session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly;
 - (ii) Part (b): Implementation of the draft capacity-building strategy for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and the New Urban Agenda;
 - (iii) Part (c): Implementation of the normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme.
- (d) Decision 2020/6 on the methods of work of the Executive Board and the workplan of the Executive Board for 2021, comprising:
- (i) Part (a): Reports of the Executive Board and its working groups;
 - (ii) Part (b): Alignment of the 2021 sessions of the Executive Board with the approval process of the draft work programme and budget of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for 2022;
 - (iii) Part (c): Date and agenda for the next session of the Executive Board and its workplan for 2021.

XVIII. Other matters

73. Statements were delivered by Ms. Magdalena Garcia Hernandez, President, Bufete de Estudios Interdisciplinarios A.C.; Mr. James Delaney, Chair, Block by Block Foundation; Mr. Pablo Aguilar, President, Colegio de Jurisprudencia Urbanística; and Mr. Mohamed Siraj Sait, Co-Chair of the UN-Habitat Stakeholder Advisory Group Enterprise.

XIX. Closure of the session

- 74. The Executive Director of UN-Habitat delivered a closing statement.
 - 75. The Chair declared the meeting closed at 5.20 p.m. on Thursday, 29 October 2020.
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