



**Committee of Permanent Representatives to the
United Nations Human Settlements Programme**

**First open-ended meeting/
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**Alignment of the planning cycles of the United Nations
Human Settlements Programme with the quadrennial
comprehensive policy review process**

**Alignment of the planning cycles of the United Nations Human
Settlements Programme with the quadrennial comprehensive
policy review process**

Note by the secretariat

1. In paragraph 2 of its decision 1/3, the United Nations Habitat Assembly of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme recognized the importance of aligning the planning cycles of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) with the quadrennial comprehensive policy review process and, in the light of the new governance structure of UN-Habitat, decided to further consider how best to achieve such alignment. In addition, in paragraph 6 of its resolution 1/1, by which it approved the strategic plan of UN-Habitat for the period 2020–2023, the UN-Habitat Assembly recognized the need to align the duration of the strategic plan with the schedule of meetings of the UN-Habitat Assembly.
2. Accordingly, the Executive Board, at its second session of 2020, held from 27 to 29 October 2020, began discussions on the possible alignment of the strategic plans of UN-Habitat with the quadrennial comprehensive policy review process. Those discussions continued at the first session of 2021 of the Executive Board, held on 7 and 8 April 2021, during which the Board recommended that its ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters hold discussions on the possible scenario for alignment for further consideration by the Executive Board at its second session of 2021, to be held in November 2021.
3. In order to support the Executive Board's discussions at its second session of 2020 and at its first session of 2021, the secretariat prepared the following two background documents, both of which are also relevant to the discussions of the Committee of Permanent Representatives at its high-level midterm review:
 - (a) The report of the Executive Director on the alignment of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review process with UN-Habitat planning cycles (HSP/EB.2020/16/Add.1);
 - (b) An analytical brief on the alignment of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review and the UN-Habitat Strategic Planning Processes (HSP/EB.2021/CRP.2).

* HSP/OECPR.2021/1.

4. The above-mentioned documents would be useful for reference during the discussions under agenda item 7 on the alignment of the planning cycles of UN-Habitat with the quadrennial comprehensive policy review process. The documents are available at <https://unhabitat.org/High-level-mid-term-review-meeting-of-the-Committee-of-Permanent-Representatives-to-UN-Habitat>.
