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**Draft report of the Executive Board of the United Nations
Human Settlements Programme at its second session of 2021**

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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.
2. Owing to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, the first session of 2021 of the Executive Board was held online on 7 and 8 April 2021. At that session, the Executive Board decided, in paragraph 3 of decision 2021/4, that its second session of 2021 would be held for two or three days between 16 and 18 November 2021, requiring the Bureau to determine whether the session should be held over a period of two or three days. In that regard, the Bureau of the Executive Board, at its meeting held on 8 September 2021, recommended that the second session of 2021 of the Executive Board be held in a hybrid format, enabling both in-person and online participation, for a duration of two days, on 15 and 16 November 2021.

II. Opening of the session

3. The second session of 2021 of the Executive Board of UN-Habitat was opened at 9.15 a.m. on Monday, 15 November 2021, by the Chair, Mr. Marek Rohr-Garztecki (Poland). The Chair outlined the arrangements for the session, which was held in a hybrid format based on the recommendations made by the Bureau of the Executive Board. He explained that simultaneous interpretation into the six official languages of the United Nations would be available for six hours daily during the session.
4. Opening statements were delivered by Ms. Zainab Hawa Bangura, Director-General of the United Nations Office at Nairobi; Ms. Martha Delgado Peralta, President of the United Nations Habitat Assembly (UN-Habitat Assembly); Mr. Charles Hinga Mwaura, Principal Secretary of the State Department for Housing and Urban Development of Kenya and Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Executive Director of UN-Habitat.

III. Organizational matters

A. Adoption of the agenda and the workplan for the second session of 2021

5. The Executive Board adopted the agenda for its second session of 2021 on the basis of the provisional agenda (HSP/EB.2021/12) and the annotated provisional agenda (HSP/EB.2021/12/Add.1), as follows:

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Adoption of the agenda and the workplan for the second session of 2021;
 - (b) Adoption of the report of the Executive Board on the work of its first session of 2021.
3. Reports by the chairs of the ad hoc working groups.
4. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters, including the implementation of the resource mobilization strategy in accordance with the strategic plan.
5. Discussion and possible approval of the draft work programme of UN-Habitat and the draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2022.
6. Implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023:
 - (a) Annual report for 2020 on the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023;
 - (b) Actual annual income and expenditure in support of the draft financial plan.
7. Normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat, including reporting on the programmatic activities of the Programme in 2021 and the implementation of subprogrammes, flagship programmes and technical cooperation activities, and an update on the response of the Programme to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.
8. High-level meeting to assess progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda.
9. Annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services to the Executive Board.
10. Annual report of the Ethics Office to the Executive Board.
11. Review of the effectiveness of the oversight functions of the Executive Board with regard to its working methods, ensuring congruence with the other governing bodies of UN-Habitat.
12. Provisional agenda for the next session of the Executive Board.
13. Other matters.
14. Closure of the session.

6. The Executive Board agreed to follow the proposed organization of work and timetable for the second session of 2021 of the Executive Board, as set out in the annex to the annotated provisional agenda (HSP/EB.2021/12/Add.1), as amended at the suggestion of the Chair. Draft decisions for consideration by the Executive Board as recommended by the Bureau of the Executive Board were presented by the Chair and circulated in a conference room paper. The Executive Board agreed that informal consultations on the draft decisions would be held at agreed times in preparation for their possible adoption by the Executive Board during the last plenary meeting of the session on 16 November. The Executive Board agreed that the representatives of the Vice-Chairs of the Bureau, Pakistan and Egypt, would chair the informal consultations.

B. Adoption of the report of the Executive Board on the work of its first session of 2021

7. The Executive Board adopted the report on the work of its first session of 2021, held on 7 and 8 April 2021 (HSP/EB.2021/10).

C. Attendance

8. The session was attended by representatives of the following 34 Member States of the UN-Habitat Executive Board: Angola, Argentina, Bahrain, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Finland, France, Germany, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Japan, Kenya, Malawi, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, United States of America, Uruguay.
9. The session was also attended by the following 42 observers that are States Members of the United Nations: Algeria, Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Czechia, Ecuador, Eritrea, Ghana, Honduras, Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Italy, Kuwait, Libya, Malaysia, Mauritius, Netherlands, Norway, Oman, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Switzerland, United Republic of Tanzania, Thailand, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukraine, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Zambia, 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 observer: Holy See.

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

12. Introducing the item, the Chair recalled that, during the resumed session of the Executive Board held in November 2019, three ad hoc working groups had been established to assist and advise the Executive Board in the conduct of its work: an ad hoc working group on working methods; an ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters; and an ad hoc working group on the development of a stakeholder engagement policy. The mandate of the ad hoc working group on working methods had concluded at the end of the second session of 2020 of the Executive Board.
13. The chair of the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters, Ms. Saqlain Syedah (Pakistan), provided a briefing on the work of that group.
14. The Executive Director gave a statement on the alignment of the strategic planning cycles of UN-Habitat with the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for the development of the United Nations system.
15. A representative of the secretariat gave a presentation on the five options proposed by the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters for the alignment of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review with the planning cycles of UN-Habitat.
16. Statements were made by representatives of the following Member States of the Executive Board: Brazil, Egypt, Germany, Turkey, United States. A statement was also delivered by the representative of Switzerland.
17. The Executive Board took note of the briefing of the chair of the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters, and the relevant updates provided by the Executive Director and the representative of the secretariat.
18. The Chair recalled that, during its second session in 2020, the Executive Board had recommended, in paragraph 5 of decision 2020/6, that the ad hoc working group on the development of a stakeholder engagement policy should only resume its work when it was again possible for meetings to be held in person. Pursuant to a request for expressions of interest in chairing the ad hoc working group on the development of a stakeholder engagement policy, the Western European and other States had nominated Switzerland as a co-chair of the ad hoc working group. The Chair noted that no other nominations had been received.
19. The Executive Board took note of the nomination of Switzerland to serve as a co-chair of the ad hoc working group on the development of a stakeholder engagement policy and elected Switzerland as Chair of the ad hoc working group. The Executive Board noted that in-person meetings were once again feasible at the United Nations Office at Nairobi and recommended that the ad hoc working group on the development of a stakeholder engagement policy resume its work accordingly.
20. The Executive Board further decided that the chair and the co-chair of any of the ad hoc working groups of the Executive Board should be elected at the regular sessions of the Executive Board and that during periods when the Executive Board was not in session and a vacancy existed, the nominated chair and the co-chair could be endorsed by the ad hoc working group at its regular

meetings for the purpose of continuity and subsequently be elected by the Executive Board at its next regular session.

21. 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, of decision 2021/6, on the work programme and budget, implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023, and alignment of the planning cycles of the Programme with the quadrennial comprehensive policy review process; and decision 2021/8, on methods of work of the Executive Board and the workplan of the Executive Board for 2022. The decisions are set out in document HSP/EB.2021/22.

V. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters, including the implementation of the resource mobilization strategy in accordance with the strategic plan

22. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the reports of the Executive Director entitled “Financial, budgetary and administrative matters: financial status of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme as at 31 July 2021” (HSP/EB.2021/13); “Financial, budgetary and administrative matters: implementation of the resource mobilization strategy in accordance with the strategic plan” (HSP/EB.2021/13/Add.1); on the staffing of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme as at 31 July 2021 (HSP/EB.2021/13/Add.2); on the ongoing restructuring of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (HSP/EB.2021/13/Add.3); on cost-recovery policies and methodologies of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (HSP/EB.2021/13/Add.4); and on the responsibility and accountability framework of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and its implementation (HSP/EB.2021/13/Add.6). He also drew attention to the report on the interim financial status of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme as at 31 October 2021, as set out in a conference room paper; the financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 and report of the Board of Auditors (A/76/5/Add.9); and the note by the secretariat on the structural solution to deal with the decrease in non-earmarked funding, ensuring that all sources of funding contribute fully to the implementation of the strategic plan and the work programme of UN-Habitat (HSP/EB.2021/13/Add.5).

23. The Executive Director delivered a statement on financial, budgetary and administrative matters of UN-Habitat, including the implementation of the resource mobilization strategy in accordance with the strategic plan. Representatives of the secretariat gave presentations providing further detail, including on financial and administrative matters, geographical and gender diversity in the staffing of UN-Habitat, the cost recovery methodology, the implementation of the resource mobilization strategy and the ongoing internal restructuring of UN-Habitat.

24. Following the presentations, statements were made by the representatives of the following Member States of the Executive Board: Argentina, Brazil, Egypt, France, Germany, Japan, Kenya, Nigeria, Republic of Korea, Sweden, United States. A statement was also made by the representative of Switzerland. The Executive Director responded to several of the issues raised and noted that others would be addressed under agenda items 5 and 6. A representative of the secretariat also responded to the issues raised.

25. The Executive Board took note of the reports of the Executive Director and their respective updates; the note of the secretariat; the financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020; and the report of the Board of Auditors. The Executive Board adopted paragraph 7 of decision 2021/6. The decisions are set out in document HSP/EB.2021/22.

VI. Discussion and possible approval of the draft work programme of UN-Habitat and the draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2022

26. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the report of the Executive Director on the draft work programme and budget for 2022 (HSP/EB.2021/4) and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the draft work programme and budget of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for the year 2022 (HSP/EB.2021/14).

27. The Executive Director delivered a statement on the draft work programme and budget for 2022. Representatives of the secretariat gave presentations providing further details on the draft annual work programme for 2022, and on the draft budget of UN-Habitat for 2022.

28. Following the presentations, statements were made by the representatives of the following Member States of the Executive Board: Angola, Argentina, Cameroon, Egypt, France, Germany, Kenya, Malawi, Mexico, Morocco, Republic of Korea, Sweden, United States. Statements were also made by the representatives of the European Union and Malaysia. The Executive Director and representatives of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.
29. The Executive Board took note of the reports of the Executive Director and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the draft work programme and budget of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for 2022, and also took note of the Executive Director's briefing on the matter.
30. The Executive Board also agreed that it had no objection to approving the proposed annual work programme and budget of UN-Habitat for 2022, as set out in document HSP/EB.2021/4, subject to the informal consultations during the session on the draft outcomes and consideration of the outcomes of the session at the final plenary meeting of the session.
31. In addition, the Executive Board requested the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters to discuss a recommended budget range for the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation non-earmarked budget of UN-Habitat for 2023 and a draft work programme of UN-Habitat for 2023 for timely submission to the United Nations Controller, and further requested the working group to discuss a draft budget for UN-Habitat for 2023 in line with the recommended budget range, for timely submission to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for subsequent consideration and possible approval of the work programme and budget for 2023 by the Executive Board.
32. The Executive Board adopted part (a), on implementation of the strategic plan of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for the period 2020–2023, and part (b), on the work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and the draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2022, of decision 2021/6, on the work programme and budget, implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023, 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.2021/22.

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

A. Annual report for 2020 on the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023

33. Introducing the sub-item, the Chair drew attention to the summary of the annual report 2020 on the implementation of the strategic plan of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for the period 2020–2023 (HSP/EB.2021/15); the UN-Habitat Annual Report 2020, pertaining to the implementation of the strategic plan of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for the period 2020–2023 (HS/004/21E); the report of the Executive Director on the recalibration of the strategic plan of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for the period 2020–2023 (HSP/EB.2021/19); and the report of the Executive Director on the analysis of linkages between the operational and normative activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme to increase the impact of its work across the outcomes of the strategic plan in support of sustainable and inclusive recovery (HSP/EB.2021/19/Add.1).
34. The Executive Director delivered a statement on the UN-Habitat Annual Report 2020 pertaining to the implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023. A representative of the secretariat gave a presentation providing a brief update of the annual progress report 2020, an overview of the readjustment of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023, and an analysis of linkages between UN-Habitat operational and normative activities.
35. Following the presentations, statements were made by the representatives of the following Member States of the Executive Board: Costa Rica, France, Germany, Morocco, Pakistan, Sweden, United States. A statement was also made by the representative of Indonesia. The Executive Director and representatives of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.
36. The Executive Board took note of the reports presented under the sub-item and their respective updates as provided by the Executive Director.

B. Actual annual income and expenditure in support of the draft financial plan

37. Introducing the sub-item, the Chair drew attention to the report of the Executive Director on the draft financial plan for the period 2020–2023 (HSP/EB.2021/16).
38. The Executive Director delivered a statement providing an explanation of the actual annual income and expenditure in support of the draft financial plan. A representative of the secretariat gave a presentation on the draft financial plan of UN-Habitat for 2020–2023, and the related revenues and expenditures.
39. The Executive Board took note of the report of the Executive Director on the draft financial plan for 2020–2023 and its update. The Executive Board also approved the methodology and format of the draft financial plan as reflected in the report of the Executive Director. The Executive Board requested the Executive Director to report back to the Executive Board at its next session on the progress achieved in preparing for the development of the next cycle of the strategic plan of UN-Habitat.
40. The Executive Board adopted part (c), on the draft work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2023, of decision 2021/6, on the work programme and budget, implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023, 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.2021/22.

VIII. Normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat, including reporting on the programmatic activities of the Programme in 2021 and the implementation of subprogrammes, flagship programmes and technical cooperation activities, and an update on the response of the Programme to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic

41. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the report of the Executive Director on normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (HSP/EB.2021/18), the report of the Executive Director on the terms of reference for the mechanism for the review of the implementation of the United Nations System-Wide Guidelines on Safer Cities and Human Settlements (HSP/EB.2021/20), the report of the Executive Director entitled “UN-Habitat capacity-building strategy: updated implementation plan for the period 2021–2024 with priorities for the year 2022” (HSP/EB.2021/17), and the report of the Executive Director on cooperation between the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and the United Nations Environment Programme (HSP/EB.2021/INF/4).
42. The Executive Director delivered a statement on the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat. A representative of the secretariat gave a presentation showcasing initiatives related to the integrated normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat.
43. Following the presentations, statements were made by the representatives of the following Member States of the Executive Board: Argentina, Brazil, Cameroon, Costa Rica, France, Kenya, Poland, Senegal, Sweden, United States. Statements were also delivered by the representatives of Burkina Faso, European Union, Finland, Indonesia, Iraq, Jamaica, Oman (speaking on behalf of the Arab States with permanent missions in Nairobi), Saudi Arabia, South Africa, State of Palestine. The Executive Director and representatives of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.
44. The Executive Board took note of the reports related to agenda item 7, and their respective updates as provided by the Executive Director. The Executive Board also approved the terms of reference for the mechanism for the review of the implementation of the United Nations System-Wide Guidelines on Safer Cities and Human Settlements, as contained in document HSP/EB.2021/20.
45. The Executive Board adopted part (a), on implementation of the normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, part (b), on implementation of the draft capacity-building strategy for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and the New Urban Agenda, and part (c), on terms of reference for the mechanism for the review of the implementation of the United Nations System-Wide Guidelines on Safer Cities and Human Settlements, of decision 2021/7, on implementation of the normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, reporting on its programmatic activities in 2021,

implementation of its subprogrammes, flagship programmes and technical cooperation activities and the high-level meeting of the General Assembly to assess progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2021/22.

IX. High-level meeting to assess progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda

46. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to General Assembly resolution 75/224 on the 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.

47. The Executive Director delivered a statement on the high-level meeting of the General Assembly to assess progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, which was scheduled to take place on 28 April 2022. A representative of the secretariat gave a presentation providing more details on the high-level meeting and its prospective outcomes.

48. Following the presentations, statements were made by the representatives of the following Member States of the Executive Board: Cameroon, Egypt, Germany, Kenya. A statement was also delivered by the representative of Indonesia. The Executive Director and the representative of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.

49. In paragraphs 11 and 12 of part (d) on the high-level meeting of the General Assembly to assess progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda of decision 2021/7, the Executive Board welcomed the update provided by the Executive Director on the preparations for the high-level meeting to assess progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and invited all Member States to prepare and submit their national reports on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2021/22.

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

50. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services for the periods 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 (A/75/301 (Part I)) and 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 (A/76/281 (Part I)) and the addendum thereto (A/76/281 (Part I)/Add.1); a report on the implementation and follow-up of evaluation reports in UN-Habitat (HSP/EB.2021/INF/5); and reports of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Blockchain applications in the United Nations system: towards a state of readiness" (JIU/REP/2020/7); and on mainstreaming environmental sustainability across organizations of the United Nations system (JIU/REP/2020/8).

51. The Executive Director delivered a statement on reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services. A representative of the secretariat gave a presentation providing further information on the matter.

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

53. The Executive Board took note of the reports related to agenda item 9, and their respective updates as provided by the Executive Director.

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

54. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Ethics Office (A/76/76).

55. The Executive Director delivered a statement on the activities of the Ethics Office in 2020, with a particular focus on matters related to UN-Habitat. A representative of the secretariat gave a presentation providing more information on the matter.

56. That Executive Board took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Ethics Office, as set out in document A/76/76.

XII. Review of the effectiveness of the oversight functions of the Executive Board with regard to its working methods, ensuring congruence with the other governing bodies of UN-Habitat

57. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the report of the ad hoc working group on working methods on the proposed working methods of the Executive Board of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme as set out in document HSP/EB.2020/20. He recalled that the working methods of the Executive Board had been adopted in October 2020 by the Executive Board in paragraph 2 of its decision 2020/6. The Chair also delivered a personal statement on the governance structure of UN-Habitat.

58. Statements were made on the matter by the representatives of the following Member States of the Executive Board: Argentina, Egypt, Germany, Sweden, United States. The Executive Director also commented on the item.

59. The Executive Board adopted sub-item 14 of paragraph 9 of decision 2021/8 on Methods of work of the Executive Board and the workplan of the Executive Board for 2022, to include an agenda item towards its first session of the year 2022 on “Progress made in the implementation of the Executive Board working methods in accordance with its decision 2020/6 and based on the survey to be conducted by the secretariat following the second session of 2021 to evaluate the effectiveness of the session so as to further improve the process and outcome of future sessions’. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2021/22.

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

60. The Chair introduced the item, which focused on the dates of the sessions of the Executive Board to be held in 2022 and the provisional agenda for the first session of 2022 of the Executive Board.

61. Statements were made on the matter by the representatives of the following Member States of the Executive Board: China, Egypt, Germany, United States.

62. The Executive Board adopted decision 2021/8, on the methods of work of the Executive Board and the workplan of the Executive Board for 2022. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2021/22.

XIV. Other matters

63. During the second session of the Executive Board, the following representatives of non-governmental organizations delivered statements: Mr. Mohamed Siraj Sait, Stakeholder Advisory Group Enterprise; Mr. Richard Rogan, Sustainable Human Settlements Foundation; Ms. Inés Sánchez de Madariaga, Advisory Group on Gender Issues; Mr. Joseph Schechla, Habitat International Coalition; Ms. Mona Rady, Habitat Professional Forum; Mr. Pablo Aguilar González, Colegio de Jurisprudencia Urbanística; and Ms. Sri Husnaini Sofjan, Huairou Commission.

XV. Outcomes of the session

64. A statement was made by Ms. Saqlain Syedah (Pakistan), Vice-Chair of the Executive Board, in her capacity as chair of the open-ended consultations on the draft decisions for consideration by the Executive Board at the present session.

65. At its second session of 2021, the Executive Board adopted the following decisions, which are set out in document HSP/EB.2021/22.

(a) Decision 2021/6: Work programme and draft budget, implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023, and alignment of the planning cycles of the Programme with the quadrennial comprehensive policy review process:

- (i) Part (a): Implementation of the strategic plan of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for the period 2020–2023;
- (ii) Part (b): Programme Work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements and the draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2022;

- (iii) Part (c): Draft work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2023;
 - (iv) Part (d): Alignment of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review process with the planning cycles of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme.
- (b) Decision 2021/7: Implementation of the normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, reporting on its programmatic activities in 2021, implementation of its subprogrammes, flagship programmes and technical cooperation activities, and the high-level meeting of the General Assembly to assess progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda:
- (i) Part (a): Implementation of the normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme;
 - (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): Terms of reference for the mechanism for the review of the implementation of the United Nations System-Wide Guidelines on Safer Cities and Human Settlements;
 - (iv) Part (d): High-level meeting of the General Assembly to assess progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda.
- (c) Decision 2021/8: Methods of work of the Executive Board and the workplan of the Executive Board for 2022:
- (i) Part (a): Reports of the Executive Board and its working groups;
 - (ii) Part (b): Date and agenda for the next session of the Executive Board and its workplan for 2022.

XVI. Closure of the session

- 66. The Executive Director of UN-Habitat delivered a closing statement.
 - 67. The Chair declared the session closed at 6.15 p.m. on Tuesday, 16 November 2021.
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