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Decision 2022/1: Status 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 2023, and financial, budgetary and administrative matters of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme

The Executive Board

- (a) **Status 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 2023**
1. *Takes note* of the report of the Executive Director on the draft work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) and the draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2023;¹
 2. *Recalls* its decision 2021/6, in particular paragraph 11, in which it requested the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters of the Executive Board to discuss a draft work programme and draft budget for UN-Habitat for 2023, in line with the recommended budget of the Executive Director of \$12 million for the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation non-earmarked budget for 2023 and other extrabudgetary resources;
 3. *Takes note* of the recommendation by the Executive Director to the Executive Board at its first session of 2022 for the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation non-earmarked budget for 2023 to be at a baseline of \$3 million as a reflection of liquidity constraints and of the discussions by the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters in that regard, and recommends that the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation non-earmarked budget for 2023 be at a baseline of \$3 million, which will be scaled up to a level of \$12 million should adequate funds be received;
 4. *Requests* the Executive Director to finalize a draft annual work programme and budget for UN-Habitat for 2023, based on feedback from the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, and to present the documents for further consideration by the Executive Board at its second session of 2022, taking into account the need to ensure that UN-Habitat is fit for purpose and delivers on its normative mandate;

¹ HSP/EB.2022/4.

5. *Also requests* the Executive Director to report to the Executive Board at its second session of 2022 on the scalability model prepared by the secretariat for the non-earmarked Foundation budget, subject to various funding levels up to \$12 million;

6. *Welcomes* the continued efforts by the Executive Director towards the prioritization of UN-Habitat by the Secretary-General for a proposed increase in the regular budget allocation of the United Nations to UN-Habitat for 2023, and for the resource mobilization strategy to strengthen Foundation non-earmarked resources as set out in the annual approved budget of UN-Habitat, including through innovative sources of financing;

(b) Financial, budgetary and administrative matters of UN-Habitat, including the implementation of the resource mobilization strategy and geographical and gender balance

7. *Takes note* of the report of the Executive Director on the financial status of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme as at 31 December 2021,² the report of the Executive Director on progress on the implementation of the resource mobilization strategy in accordance with the United Nations Human Settlements Programme strategic plan for the period 2020–2023,³ the report of the Executive Director on the staffing of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme as at 31 December 2021,⁴ the report of the Executive Director on the interim financial status of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme as at 28 February 2022 and the report of the Executive Director on recruitment, equitable geographical distribution and gender parity;⁵ and further encourages the Executive Director to continue the efforts to strengthen non-earmarked Foundation funding;

8. *Also takes note* of the report of the Executive Director on the ongoing restructuring of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme;⁶

9. *Further takes note* of the report of the secretariat on actions to update and improve the internal management, policies and procedures of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme;⁷

10. *Welcomes* the report of the Executive Director on action by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme to strengthen protection against sexual and any other type of exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment in the workplace;⁸

11. *Also welcomes* the implementation by the Executive Director of the Secretary-General's comprehensive strategy to prevent and respond to sexual exploitation and abuse and takes note of the most recent report of the Secretary-General on special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and abuse;⁹

12. *Further welcomes* the continued commitment of the Executive Director to a victim-centred, system-wide approach to preventing and responding to sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment;

13. *Urges* the Executive Director to ensure that staff with responsibilities related to protection from sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment who participate in inter-agency coordination are provided with appropriate role-specific, annual mandatory training that is tracked and reported upon.

² HSP/EB.2022/2.

³ HSP/EB.2022/2/Add.2.

⁴ HSP/EB.2022/2/Add.1.

⁵ HSP/EB.2022/2/Add.3.

⁶ HSP/EB.2022/2/Add.4.

⁷ HSP/EB.2022/11.

⁸ HSP/EB.2022/10.

⁹ A/76/702.

Decision 2022/2: Implementation of the normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme

The Executive Board

(a) **Implementation of the normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, including resolutions and decisions of the United Nations Habitat Assembly of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme**

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Executive Director on the status of implementation of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) at its first session¹⁰ and the report of the Executive Director on the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat, focusing on the People's Process in Afghanistan, the global urban monitoring framework and work on climate change;¹¹
2. *Welcomes* the development of the Global Urban Monitoring Framework, which is designed to enable localization of the Sustainable Development Goals and assist cities in tracking their progress in meeting the Goals and their commitments under the New Urban Agenda and informing local action, ensuring that data are comparable;
3. *Also welcomes* the endorsement of the Global Urban Monitoring Framework by the United Nations Statistical Commission and encourages its timely implementation as part of a United Nations system-wide harmonized global urban strategy;
4. *Requests* the Executive Director to actively provide support to Member States by means of normative guidance, technical assistance and strategic partnerships to contribute to the achievement of the goals of the Paris Agreement under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate, and also requests the Executive Director to strengthen collaboration with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change towards its seventh assessment cycle and the special report on climate change and cities planned for that cycle;
5. *Encourages* the Executive Director to explore with the presidency of the twenty-seventh session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change the possibility of convening a housing and urban development ministerial meeting on cities and climate change, to be held on the margins of the twenty-seventh session of the Conference of the Parties, to highlight the importance of climate action in urban areas in the development and achievement of nationally determined contributions;
6. *Welcomes* both past and continuing work in advancing inclusive participatory processes that put people at the centre of community-driven approaches to contribute to resilient human settlements and advance the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, including in countries affected by conflict and disaster, as exemplified by the Afghanistan People's Process, and recommends the use of the approach where appropriate;
7. *Takes note* of the key role played by UN-Habitat in supporting governments at all levels and building their capacity to manage urban displacement;
8. *Recalls* resolution 26/2 of the Governing Council of UN-Habitat at its twenty-sixth session, entitled "Enhancing the role of UN-Habitat in urban crisis response", the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023 and the annual work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2022, and drawing on the experience and expertise of UN-Habitat in the humanitarian, development and peace nexus and its role in urban crisis response;
9. *Requests* the Executive Director, in line with the mandate of the Programme and in line with paragraph 7 of the present decision, to support the efforts to reconstruct the human settlements in countries affected by conflict and disaster, including those leading to the displacement of people, through a comprehensive whole-of-system response and to use all relevant tools at her disposal to engage with countries newly affected by conflict and disaster, such as Ukraine, and continue to provide assistance to countries, territories and areas affected by conflict and disaster, as reflected in the annex to the present document, in particular using urban profiling to assess the needs, vulnerabilities

¹⁰ HSP/EB.2022/8.

¹¹ HSP/EB.2022/5.

and capacities of urban areas and the establishment of urban recovery frameworks where relevant and subject to the availability of funding.

(b) Preparations for and follow-up to the eleventh session of the World Urban Forum

10. *Welcomes* the report of the Executive Director on the preparations for the eleventh session of the World Urban Forum;¹²

11. *Welcomes* the selection of Cairo to host the twelfth session of the World Urban Forum in 2024;

(c) High-level meeting of the General Assembly on the review of the implementation of the New Urban Agenda

12. *Welcomes* efforts by UN-Habitat to support the development of the Quadrennial Report of the Secretary-General on the Implementation of the New Urban Agenda and meetings related to the preparations for the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the review of the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and takes note that the outcome of the high-level meeting may inform the deliberations of the Economic and Social Council and the second committee of the General Assembly in 2022, the World Urban Forum at its eleventh session, in June 2022, the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change at its twenty-seventh session, in November 2022, and the UN-Habitat Assembly at its second session, in June 2023;

(d) Implementation by UN-Habitat of the reform of the United Nations development system and of the management of the United Nations

13. *Welcomes* efforts by UN-Habitat to contribute to the implementation of the reform of the United Nations development system, using the United Nations system-wide strategy for sustainable urban development; to assist the United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Children's Fund and other United Nations entities to achieve the urban dimensions of their respective mandates; and to elevate urban policy in inter-agency mechanisms, including the Chief Executives Board for Coordination, Senior Management Group, Executive Committee of the United Nations Secretariat, United Nations Sustainable Development Group and the Inter-Agency Standing Committee;

14. *Recognizes* the importance of the 2020 organizational structure of the secretariat in facilitating the implementation of the United Nations system-wide strategy on sustainable urban development at the country level and, noting the funding challenges in supporting the implementation of the strategy at the regional level through the support of regional structures and resident coordinators in the development of joint urban programming, encourages Member States and UN-Habitat partners to provide funding to enable UN-Habitat to further contribute to the implementation of the United Nations sustainable development cooperation framework.

Decision 2022/3: Methods of work of the Executive Board and workplan of the Executive Board for the year 2022

The Executive Board

(a) Reports of the Executive Board and its ad hoc working groups

1. *Adopts* the report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme on the work of its second session of 2021;¹³

2. *Takes note* of the briefing by the chair of the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters on the work of that working group;

3. *Also takes note* of the briefing by the chair of the ad hoc working group on the development of a draft stakeholder engagement policy;

¹² HSP/EB.2022/6.

¹³ HSP/EB.2021/21.

(b) Working methods of the Executive Board to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of meetings of the Board

4. *Takes note* of the results of the survey conducted by the secretariat following the second session of the Executive Board of 2021 to evaluate the effectiveness of that session, so as to further improve the process and outcome of future sessions;¹⁴

(c) Dates and provisional agenda for the second session of 2022 of the Executive Board

5. *Decides* that the second session of 2022 of the Executive Board will be held for a duration of three days, subject to the availability of funds, between 15 and 17 November 2022;

6. *Also decides* that the provisional agenda for the second session of 2022 shall be as follows:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Adoption of the agenda and the workplan for the second session of 2022;
 - (b) Adoption of the report of the first session of 2022.
3. Reports of the ad hoc working groups established by the Executive Board.
4. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters, including the implementation of the resource mobilization strategy in accordance with the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023 and action by UN-Habitat to address geographical and gender imbalances in the composition of its staff.
5. Draft work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2023.
6. Annual report for 2021 on the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023.
7. Normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, including reporting on the programmatic activities of UN-Habitat in 2021 and the implementation of subprogrammes, flagship programmes and technical cooperation activities, and update on the UN-Habitat response to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic and the engagement of UN-Habitat in countries, territories and areas affected by conflict and disaster.
8. Outcome of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the review of the implementation of the New Urban Agenda.
9. Outcome of the eleventh session of the World Urban Forum.
10. Preparations for the second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme.
11. Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services to the Executive Board.
12. Report of the Ethics Office to the Executive Board.
13. Working methods of the Executive Board, including a review of the results of the survey conducted by the secretariat following the first Executive Board session of 2022.
14. Briefing by the Joint Inspection Unit on the findings of its management and administration review of UN-Habitat.
15. Consideration and adoption of the outcomes of the session, including the provisional agenda for the first session of 2023 of the Executive Board.
16. Other matters.
17. Closure of the session.

¹⁴ HSP/EB.2022/INF/2.

Decision 2022/4: Election of officers of the Bureau of the Executive Board for the term 2022–2023

The Executive Board

Decides to elect from among its members, with terms of office from the end of the first session of 2022 to the end of the first session of 2023, taking into consideration the need to ensure equitable geographical representation, the new Bureau of the Executive Board of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, as follows:

- Chair: Brazil (Latin American and Caribbean States)
- Vice-Chairs: Kenya (African States)
Pakistan (Asia-Pacific States)
Poland (Eastern European States)
- Rapporteur: France (Western European and other States)

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Annex

Countries, territories and areas affected by conflict and disaster

1. Afghanistan
2. Bangladesh
3. Cambodia
4. Democratic Republic of the Congo
5. Fiji
6. Haiti
7. Honduras
8. Iran (Islamic Republic of)
9. Iraq
10. Lao People's Democratic Republic
11. Lebanon
12. Libya
13. Mozambique
14. Myanmar
15. Nepal
16. Nigeria
17. Pakistan
18. Philippines
19. Somalia
20. South Sudan
21. Sri Lanka
22. Sudan
23. Syrian Arab Republic
24. Yemen
25. State of Palestine
26. Kosovo¹

¹ All references to Kosovo in the present document should be understood to be in compliance with Security Council resolution 1244 (1999).