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**Draft report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Human
Settlements Programme on the work of its second session of 2022**

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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 the 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. The Executive Board held its first session of 2022 in a hybrid format from 29 to 31 March 2022. At that session, in its decision 2022/3, on the methods of work of the Executive Board and the workplan of the Executive Board for 2022, the Executive Board agreed that its second session of 2022 would be held for a duration of three days from 15 to 17 November 2022. At its meeting held on 8 June 2022, however, the Bureau of the Executive Board recommended that the session be rescheduled to take place from Monday, 21 November to Wednesday, 23 November 2022. Owing to the continuing coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, the Bureau also decided that the second session of 2022 of the Executive Board would be held in a hybrid format, enabling both online and in-person participation.

I. Opening of the session

3. The second session of 2022 of the Executive Board of UN-Habitat was opened at 9.10 a.m. on Monday, 21 November 2022, by the Chair, Mr. Silvio Albuquerque (Brazil). The Chair outlined the arrangements for the session on the basis of 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 UN-Habitat Assembly; Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Executive Director of UN-Habitat; and Mr. Zachariah Njeru, Cabinet Secretary for Lands, Housing and Urban Development, Kenya.

II. Organizational matters

A. Adoption of the agenda and the workplan for the second session of 2022

5. The Executive Board adopted the following agenda for its second session of 2022 on the basis of the provisional agenda (HSP/EB.2022/14) and the annotated provisional agenda (HSP/EB.2022/14/Add.1), as amended:

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 Executive Board on the work of its first session of 2022.
 3. Reports by the chairs 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 the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (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 UN-Habitat and the 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 UN-Habitat, including reporting on the programmatic activities of UN-Habitat in 2021 and the implementation of subprogrammes, flagship programmes and technical cooperation activities, and an 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. Outcomes 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 after the first session of 2022.
 14. Briefing by the Joint Inspection Unit on the findings of its review of the management and administration of UN-Habitat.
 15. Report of the United Nations Board of Auditors for 2021.
 16. Sustainable Human Settlements Foundation.
 17. Consideration and adoption of the outcomes of the session, including the provisional agenda for the first session of 2023.
 18. Other matters.
 19. Closure of the session.
6. The Executive Board agreed to follow the proposed organization of work and timetable for the second session of 2022 of the Executive Board, as set out in annex I to the annotated provisional agenda (HSP/EB.2022/14/Add.1). Draft decisions for consideration by the Executive Board, as forwarded to the Chair of the Board by the chair of the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters, which had been tasked by the Bureau with leading the open-ended consultations on the draft decisions for consideration at the present session, were circulated in a conference room paper and presented by the Chair of the Board. 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 second session, on 23 November. The Executive Board agreed that the representative of Pakistan, Vice-Chair of the Bureau, would chair the informal consultations.

B. Adoption of the report of the Executive Board on the work of its first session of 2022

7. The Executive Board adopted the report on the work of its first session of 2022, held from 29 to 31 March 2022 (HSP/EB.2022/12).

C. Attendance

8. The session was attended by representatives of the following Member States of the UN-Habitat Executive Board: Angola, Argentina, Bahrain, Brazil, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, Germany, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Japan, Kenya, Malawi, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal, Serbia, Republic of Korea, Spain, Sweden, Türkiye, 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, Azerbaijan, Barbados, Belgium, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Colombia, Cuba, Czechia, Ecuador, Finland, Gabon, Ghana, Indonesia, Iraq, Italy, Jordan, Kuwait, Libya, Malaysia, Netherlands, Norway, Oman, Philippines, Qatar, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Switzerland, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Yemen, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

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

11. The session was also attended by the following observers: Holy See and League of Arab States.

III. Reports by the chairs of the ad hoc working groups established by the Executive Board

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, Saqlain Syedah (Pakistan), provided a briefing on the work of that group.

14. Following the briefing by Ms. Syedah, a statement was made by the representative of the following Member State of the Executive Board: Nigeria. The representative of the secretariat responded to the issue raised.

15. The chair of the ad hoc working group on the development of a stakeholder engagement policy, Patrick Egloff (Switzerland), provided a briefing on the work of that group.

16. Following the briefing by Mr. Egloff, a statement was made by the representative of the following Member State of the Executive Board: Nigeria. The Chair of the Executive Board responded that the secretariat had taken note of the issue raised.

17. The Executive Board took note of the information provided by the chairs of the ad hoc working groups established by the Executive Board.

18. The Executive Board adopted part (a), on reports of the Executive Board and its working groups, of decision 2022/7, on the methods of work of the Executive Board in 2022 and the workplan of the Executive Board for 2023. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2022/22.

IV. 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 the United Nations Human Settlements Programme to address geographical and gender imbalances in the composition of its staff

19. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the UN-Habitat financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 and the report of the Board of Auditors (A/77/5/Add.9) and to the reports of the Executive Director on the financial status of UN-Habitat as at 30 June 2022 (HSP/EB.2022/15); on the staffing of UN-Habitat as at 30 June 2022 (HSP/EB.2022/15/Add.1); on recruitment, equitable geographical distribution and gender parity (HSP/EB.2022/15/Add.2); on progress in the implementation of the resource mobilization strategy in accordance with the UN-Habitat strategic plan for the period 2020–2023 (HSP/EB.2022/15/Add.3); and on the ongoing restructuring of UN-Habitat (HSP/EB.2022/15/Add.4). A report by the Executive Director on the interim financial status of UN-Habitat as at 30 September 2022 was set out in a conference room paper.

20. The Executive Director delivered a statement on 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. Representatives of the secretariat gave presentations providing further detail, including on the financial status of UN-Habitat as at 30 September 2022, with a further update as at 15 November 2022; on the staffing status as at 30 June 2022, including the gender and geographical distribution; on action taken by UN-Habitat to strengthen protection against sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment in the workplace in 2022; on the ongoing restructuring of UN-Habitat; and on the implementation of the resource mobilization strategy.

21. Following the presentations, statements were made by the representatives of the following Member States of the Executive Board: Argentina, Cameroon, Egypt, France, Germany, Japan, Kenya (speaking also on behalf of the African States), Mexico (speaking on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States), Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan (speaking on behalf of the Asia–Pacific States), Portugal, Russian Federation, Sweden, United States and Uruguay. Statements were also delivered by the representatives of Algeria (speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the European Union, the League of Arab States and Ukraine. The Executive Director and the representatives of the secretariat responded to the issues raised under the agenda item.

22. The Executive Board took note of the documents presented under agenda item 4 and the briefings thereon, including related updates.

23. The Executive Board adopted the relevant parts of paragraph 3, under part (b), on financial, budgetary and administrative matters of UN-Habitat, of decision 2022/5, on the implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023, financial, budgetary and administrative matters of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the findings of its review of the management and administration of UN-Habitat and the draft work programme and budget for 2023. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2022/22.

V. Discussion and possible approval of the draft work programme of UN-Habitat and the draft budget of the United Nations Human Settlements Foundation for 2023

24. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the report of the Executive Director on the draft work programme of UN-Habitat and draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2023 (HSP/EB.2022/4/Rev.1), the report of the Executive Director on the scalability model for the non-earmarked budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation (HSP/EB.2022/4/Add.1), and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the draft work programme of UN-Habitat and draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2023 (HSP/EB.2022/4/Add.2).

25. The Executive Director delivered a statement on the draft work programme and budget for 2023. A representative of the secretariat gave a presentation providing further information on the matter.

26. Following the statement and presentation, statements were made by the representatives of the following Member States of the Executive Board: Argentina, Brazil, Egypt, Germany, Pakistan (speaking on behalf of the Asia-Pacific States) and United States. A statement was also delivered by the representative of Switzerland. The Executive Director and the representatives of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.

27. The Executive Board took note of the reports of the Executive Director and of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the draft work programme of UN-Habitat and the draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2023, as reflected in the relevant documents, and took note of the Executive Director's briefing on the matter. The Executive Board also took note of the Executive Director's briefing on the scalability model for the non-earmarked Foundation budget.

28. The Executive Board also agreed that it had no objection to approving the proposed annual work programme and budget of UN-Habitat for 2023, as set out in document HSP/EB.2022/4/Rev.1, subject to 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.

29. The Executive Board adopted part (d), on the work programme of UN-Habitat and the draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2023, of decision 2022/5, on the implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023; financial, budgetary and administrative matters of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat); report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the findings of its review of the management and administration of UN-Habitat and the draft work programme and budget for 2023. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2022/22.

VI. Annual report for 2021 on the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023

30. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the note by the secretariat on the summary of the *Annual Report 2021* pertaining to the implementation of the strategic plan of UN-Habitat for the period 2020–2023 (HSP/EB.2022/16).

31. The Executive Director delivered a statement on the UN-Habitat *Annual Report 2021*. A representative of the secretariat gave a presentation providing highlights of the outcomes of the implementation of the strategic plan in 2021, including in relation to the three priorities of the Executive Director, namely (a) housing, (b) climate change, and (c) a localized 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as well as the four domains of change of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023, namely (a) reduced spatial inequality and poverty, (b) enhanced shared prosperity, (c) strengthened climate action, and (d) preventing and responding to urban crises.

32. Following the presentation, statements were made by the representatives of the following Member States of the Executive Board: France, Kenya and Pakistan (speaking on behalf of the Asia-Pacific States). A statement was also made by the representative of the European Union. The Executive Director and representatives of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.

33. The Executive Board took note of the information presented under agenda item 6, including the related briefings.

34. The Executive Board adopted part (a), on the implementation of the strategic plan of UN-Habitat for the period 2020–2023, of decision 2022/5, on the implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023; financial, budgetary and administrative matters of UN-Habitat; report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the findings of its review of the management and administration of UN-Habitat; and draft work programme and budget for 2023. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2022/22.

VII. Normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat, including reporting on the programmatic activities of UN-Habitat in 2021 and the implementation of subprogrammes, flagship programmes and technical cooperation activities, and an 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

35. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the report of the Executive Director on the contribution, experiences and added value of UN-Habitat in urban crisis situations (HSP/EB.2022/17); the report of the Executive Director on progress made with regard to the flagship programmes of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (HSP/EB.2022/18); and an annex to document HSP/EB.2022/17 containing briefs on UN-Habitat interventions in specific countries, territories and areas affected by conflict and disaster (HSP/EB.2022/INF/4).

A. UN-Habitat contribution, experiences and added value in urban crisis situations

36. In her statement on the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat, the Executive Director gave a briefing on the UN-Habitat contribution, experiences and added value in urban crisis situations. The representative of the secretariat gave a presentation on UN-Habitat engagement in countries, territories and areas affected by conflicts and disasters. The presentation was followed by testimonies of the following beneficiaries of the work of UN-Habitat in the area: Mr. Marwan Abboud, Governor of Beirut, Lebanon, and Mr. Ai Watiin, Mayor of Baidoa, Somalia.

37. Following the statement and presentations, statements were made by the representatives of the following Member States of the Executive Board: Angola, China, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Malawi, Morocco, Pakistan (speaking on behalf of the Asia-Pacific States), Poland, Russian Federation, Senegal, Spain and United States. Statements were also delivered by the representatives of Finland, Somalia, the State of Palestine, Switzerland and Ukraine. The Executive Director, the representatives of the secretariat and the Mayor of Baidoa responded to the issues raised.

B. Implementation of the five flagship programmes

38. In her statement on the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat, the Executive Director gave a briefing on implementation of the five flagship programmes of UN-Habitat, and progress made since the launch of the programmes in 2020. A representative of the secretariat gave a presentation providing an overview of each flagship programme, including the strategy used, the progress made and the way forward, taking into account the challenges and opportunities identified by the programme teams. The presentation was followed by briefings by representatives of UN-Habitat partners on their experience of collaborating with UN-Habitat as part of the flagship programmes. Ms. Sara Thabit, Associate Researcher at Edinburgh Napier University and Tallinn University of Technology, spoke in her capacity as senior member of the lead group for the study entitled the Global Review of Smart City Governance Practices under the flagship programme “People-centred smart cities”. Mr. Mohamed Sefiani, Mayor of Chefchaouen, Morocco, spoke of his experience of piloting the strategic planning track of the flagship programme “Sustainable Development Goal cities”. Ms. Rose Molokoane, coordinator from the South African Federation of the Urban Poor, speaking on behalf of Slum Dwellers International, elaborated on the organization’s experience of the flagship programme “Resilient settlements for the urban poor”.

39. Following the presentations, statements were made by the representatives of the following Member States of the Executive Board: Bahrain, Brazil, France, Germany, Kenya and Republic of Korea. The Executive Director and representatives of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.

C. Outcome

40. The Executive Board took note of the reports presented under agenda item 7, including the related briefings.

41. The Executive Board adopted part (a), on implementation of the normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, of decision 2022/6, on implementation of the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat; reporting on the programmatic activities of the Programme in 2022; and implementation of subprogrammes, flagship programmes and technical cooperation activities. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2022/22.

VIII. Outcome of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the review of the implementation of the New Urban Agenda

42. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the summary by the President of the General Assembly on the outcome of the high-level meeting to assess progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, held at United Nations Headquarters, New York, on 28 April 2022.

43. The Executive Director delivered a statement on the high-level meeting. A representative of the secretariat gave a presentation providing further information on the matter.

44. Following the statement and presentation, statements were made by the representatives of the following Member States of the Executive Board: Argentina, Brazil, France, Kenya, Nigeria and United States. The Executive Director responded to the issues raised.

45. The Executive Board took note of the update provided by the Executive Director on the outcomes of the high-level meeting.

46. The Executive Board adopted part (b), on the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, of decision 2022/6, on implementation of the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat; reporting on the programmatic activities of the Programme in 2022; and implementation of subprogrammes, flagship programmes and technical cooperation activities. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2022/22.

IX. Outcomes of the eleventh session of the World Urban Forum

47. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the report of the Executive Director presenting a summary of the outcomes of the eleventh session of the World Urban Forum (HSP/EB.2022/19).

48. The Executive Director delivered a statement on the outcomes of the eleventh session of the World Urban Forum held in Katowice, Poland, from 26 to 30 June 2022. A representative of the secretariat gave a presentation providing further detail on the results of the World Urban Forum. Ms. Małgorzata Jarosińska-Jedynak, Secretary of State, Polish Ministry of Development Funds and Regional Policy and Government plenipotentiary for the organization of the World Urban Forum in Katowice, Poland, in 2022, gave a presentation on her country's experience of hosting the World Urban Forum.

49. Following the statement and presentations, statements were made by the representatives of the following Member States of the Executive Board: Argentina, Brazil, Kenya, Mexico, Nigeria, Russian Federation and United States. A statement was also delivered by the representative of Ukraine. The Executive Director and the representatives of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.

50. The Executive Board took note of the report of the Executive Director on the outcomes of the eleventh session of the World Urban Forum, and the respective updates.

51. The Executive Board adopted part (c), on the eleventh session of the World Urban Forum, of decision 2022/6, on implementation of the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat; reporting on the programmatic activities of the Programme in 2022; and implementation of subprogrammes, flagship programmes and technical cooperation activities. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2022/22.

X. Preparations for the second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme

52. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the report of the first session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat Assembly), held in Nairobi from 27 to 31 May 2019 (A/74/8).

53. The Executive Director provided a statement on the preparations for the second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly, to be held from 5 to 9 June 2023. A representative of the secretariat gave a presentation on preparations for the session.
54. Following the statement and presentation, statements were made by the representatives of the following Member States of the Executive Board: Argentina, Costa Rica, Germany, Kenya, Mexico and Uruguay. Statements were also delivered by the representatives of the European Union, Indonesia and Malaysia. The Executive Director and the representatives of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.
55. The Executive Board took note of the update provided by the Executive Director on the preparations for the second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly, and also took note of the information provided by the Executive Director on the proposed theme for the second session of the Assembly.
56. The Executive Board adopted part (d), on preparations for the second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly, of decision 2022/6, on implementation of the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat; reporting on the programmatic activities of the Programme in 2022; and implementation of subprogrammes, flagship programmes and technical cooperation activities. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2022/22.

XI. Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services to the Executive Board

57. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the note by the secretariat on the summaries of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services to the Executive Board and the report of the Ethics Office to the Executive Board (HSP/EB.2022/20).
58. The Executive Director delivered a statement on the Office of Internal Oversight Services. A representative of the secretariat gave a presentation on the implementation of the audit recommendations of the Office of Internal Oversight Services.
59. Following the presentation, statements were made by the representatives of the following Member States of the Executive Board: Sweden and United States. The Executive Director and representatives of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.
60. The Executive Board took note of the report presented under the agenda item and the related briefing.
61. The Executive Board adopted paragraph 8, under part (c), on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the findings of its review of the management and administration of UN-Habitat, the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services and the report of the Ethics Office, of decision 2022/5, on the implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023; financial, budgetary and administrative matters of UN-Habitat; report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the findings of its review of the management and administration of UN-Habitat; and draft work programme and budget for 2023. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2022/22.

XII. Report of the Ethics Office to the Executive Board

62. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the note by the secretariat presenting summaries of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services to the Executive Board and the report of the Ethics Office to the Executive Board (HSP/EB.2022/20) and the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Ethics Office (A/77/75).
63. The Executive Director delivered a statement on the annual report of the Ethics Office and the ethics-related activities undertaken by UN-Habitat in 2021 and 2022. A representative of the secretariat gave a presentation providing further information on the matter.
64. Following the statement and presentation, a statement was made by the representative of the following Member State of the Executive Board: United States. The representative of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.
65. The Executive Board took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Ethics Office as set out in document A/77/75.

66. The Executive Board adopted paragraph 9, under part (c), on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the findings of its review of the management and administration of UN-Habitat, the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services and the report of the Ethics Office, of decision 2022/5, on the implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023; financial, budgetary and administrative matters of UN-Habitat; report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the findings of its review of the management and administration of UN-Habitat; and draft work programme and budget for 2023. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2022/22.

XIII. Working methods of the Executive Board, including a review of the results of the survey conducted by the secretariat after the first session of 2022

67. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the note by the secretariat on the results of the survey conducted by the secretariat after the first session of the Executive Board of 2022 to evaluate the effectiveness of that session so as to further improve the process and outcome of future sessions (HSP/EB.2022/INF.5).

68. The Executive Director delivered a statement on the survey. A representative of the secretariat gave a more detailed presentation on the findings of the survey, including an overview of the feedback and proposals made by respondents.

69. Following the presentation, a statement was made by a representative of the following Member State of the Executive Board: Germany. Statements were also made by the representatives of Belgium and Switzerland. The Executive Director responded to the issues raised.

70. The Executive Board took note of the report presented under the agenda item and the related briefing.

71. The Executive Board adopted part (b), on the working methods of the Executive Board to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the meetings of the Board, of decision 2022/7 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.2022/22.

XIV. Briefing by the Joint Inspection Unit on the findings of its review of the management and administration of UN-Habitat

72. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the report of the Joint Inspection Unit of the United Nations System on review of management and administration in the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) (JIU/REP/2022/1).

73. Mr. Jean Wesley Cazeau and Mr. Tesfa Alem Seyoum, of the Joint Inspection Unit, gave a presentation on key findings and recommendations from the management and administration review in UN-Habitat. The Executive Director delivered a statement on the matters raised by the review. A representative of the secretariat gave a presentation outlining the response of the secretariat to the recommendations of the review.

74. Following the presentations and statement, statements were made by the representatives of the following Member States of the Executive Board: Brazil, Germany, Kenya and United States. Statements were also delivered by the representatives of the Netherlands, the State of Palestine and Switzerland. The Executive Director and the representative of the Joint Inspection Unit responded to the issues raised.

75. The Executive Board took note of the report and update of the Joint Inspection Unit on the findings of its review of the management and administration of UN-Habitat, as set out in document JIU/REP/2022/1; requested the Executive Director to report to the Executive Board on progress in the implementation of the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit as set out in document JIU/REP/2022/1; and took note of recommendation 1 of the Joint Inspection Unit, while recognizing that the three-tier governance structure of UN-Habitat was established only in 2019 and that adequate time was required for the structure to function before any effective assessment could be conducted. The Executive Board also agreed to discuss substantively, in its first session of 2023, recommendation 3 of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit, which provided that the Executive Board of UN-Habitat should establish a voluntary indicative scale of contributions for the Foundation non-earmarked fund by the end of 2023.

76. The Executive Board adopted part (c), on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the findings of its review of the management and administration of UN-Habitat; the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services and the report of the Ethics Office, of decision 2022/5, on the implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023; financial, budgetary and administrative matters of UN-Habitat, the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the findings of its review of the management and administration of UN-Habitat, and the draft work programme and budget for 2023. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2022/22.

XV. Report of the United Nations Board of Auditors for 2021

77. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the UN-Habitat financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 and the report of the Board of Auditors (A/77/5/Add.9). The report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors contained in its reports on the United Nations funds and programmes for the year ended 31 December 2021 (A/77/322/Add.1) was set out in a conference room paper.

78. Ms. Wang Wenyu, of the Board of Auditors, gave a presentation on the report of the Board of Auditors for the year 2021, detailing the relevant findings and recommendations of the Board.

79. The Executive Director delivered a statement on the management response to the report of the Board of Auditors. A representative of the secretariat gave a presentation outlining the status of implementation by UN-Habitat of the Board's recommendations.

80. Following the presentation, a statement was made by a representative of the following Member State of the Executive Board: United States. The Executive Director and representatives of the secretariat responded to the issues raised

81. The Executive Board took note of the report of the Board of Auditors and the related briefings.

82. The Executive Board adopted the relevant parts of paragraphs 3 and 4, under part (b), on financial, budgetary and administrative matters of UN-Habitat, of decision 2022/5, on the implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023; financial, budgetary and administrative matters of UN-Habitat; report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the findings of its review of the management and administration of UN-Habitat; and draft work programme and budget for 2023. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2022/22.

XVI. Sustainable Human Settlements Foundation

83. Introducing the item, the Chair invited the Executive Director to brief the Executive Board on the Sustainable Human Settlements Foundation.

84. The Executive Director delivered a statement providing an update on the Sustainable Human Settlements Foundation. The representative of the secretariat and Mr. Grant Logan, founder of the Foundation, gave presentations providing further information on the matter.

85. Following the statement and presentations, statements were made by the representatives of the following Member States of the Executive Board: Egypt, France and United States. Statements were also delivered by the representatives of the European Union and the Netherlands. The Executive Director, the representative of the secretariat and Mr. Logan responded to the issues raised.

86. The Executive Board took note of the update by the Executive Director on the Sustainable Human Settlements Foundation.

87. The Executive Board adopted paragraphs 19, 20 and 21, under part (e), on preparation of the draft work programme of UN-Habitat and draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2024, of decision 2022/5, on implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023; financial, budgetary and administrative matters of UN-Habitat, report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the findings of its review of the management and administration of UN-Habitat; and the draft work programme and budget for 2023. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2022/22.

XVII. Consideration and adoption of the outcomes of the session, including the provisional agenda for the first session of 2023

A. Outcomes of the session

88. At its second session of 2022, the Executive Board adopted the following decisions, which are set out in document HSP/EB.2022/22.

(a) Decision 2022/5: Implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023; financial, budgetary and administrative matters of UN-Habitat; report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the findings of its review of the management and administration of UN-Habitat; and draft work programme and budget for 2023, comprising:

- (i) Part (a): Implementation of the strategic plan of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for the period 2020–2023;
- (ii) Part (b): Financial, budgetary and administrative matters of UN-Habitat;
- (iii) Part (c): Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the findings of its review of the management and administration of UN-Habitat, the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services and the report of the Ethics Office;
- (iv) Part (d): Work programme of UN-Habitat and the draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2023;
- (v) Part (e): Preparation of the draft work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2024;

(b) Decision 2022/6: Implementation of the normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, reporting on the programmatic activities of the Programme in 2022, and implementation of subprogrammes, flagship programmes and technical cooperation activities, comprising:

- (i) Part (a): Implementation of the normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme;
- (ii) Part (b): High-level meeting of the General Assembly on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda;
- (iii) Part (c): Eleventh session of the World Urban Forum;
- (iv) Part (d): Preparations for the second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly;

(c) Decision 2022/7: Methods of work of the Executive Board and the workplan of the Executive Board for 2022, comprising:

- (i) Part (a): Reports of the Executive Board and its working groups;
- (ii) Part (b): Working methods of the Executive Board to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of meetings of the Board;
- (iii) Part (c): Date and agenda for the next session of the Executive Board and its workplan for 2023.

B. Dates and provisional agenda for the next session of the Executive Board

89. The Executive Board adopted part (c), on the date and agenda for the next session of the Executive Board and its workplan for 2023, of decision 2022/7, on methods of work of the Executive Board in 2022 and the workplan of the Executive Board for 2023.

90. The Executive Board also adopted paragraphs 15 to 17, under part (e), on the preparation of the draft work programme of UN-Habitat and draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2024, of decision 2022/5, on implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023; financial, budgetary and administrative matters of UN-Habitat; report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the findings of its review of the management and administration of UN-Habitat; and draft work programme and budget for 2023.

XVIII. Other matters

91. Under the present agenda item, statements were delivered by the representatives of the following Member States of the Executive Board: Russian Federation, Turkey and United States. Statements were also delivered by the representative of the European Union and Ukraine.

92. The following representatives of non-governmental organizations delivered statements: Mr. Marc Workman, World Blind Union; Ms. Inés Sánchez de Madariaga, Advisory Group on Gender Issues; Ms. Sri Husnaini Sofjan on behalf of Ms. Violet Shivutse, Huairou Commission; Mr. Jean-Baptiste Buffet, United Cities and Local Governments; and Mr. Mohamed Siraj Sait, Stakeholder Advisory Group Enterprise.

XIX. Closure of the session

93. The Executive Director of UN-Habitat delivered a closing statement.

94. The Chair declared the session closed at 6.10 p.m. on Wednesday, 23 November 2022.

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