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Informal Consultations on Draft decisions towards the  
2024 first session of the Executive Board

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## Draft technical inputs into draft decisions towards the first session of 2024 of the Executive Board

**Draft decision 2024/A: Draft work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2025, and financial, budgetary and administrative matters and the strategic plan of UN-Habitat**

*The Executive Board,*

- (a) **The 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 2025**

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 2025;<sup>1</sup>
2. *Takes note* of the proposal by the Executive Director that the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation non-earmarked budget for 2025 [with the option for its re-costing] {NGA+ CMR+ KEN-} [at a level of \$4.0M, with an option of \$5.0M,]

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<sup>1</sup> HSP/EB.2024/3 and HSP/EB.2024/INF/4

~~{NGA+ KEN-} in line with decision 2023/4<sup>2</sup> on the scalability model [pending re-costing] {KEN+ CMR+} [.][:] {COL+ NLD- CMR-} [[This proposal is] {COL+ NLD- ARG reserve} [conditional on] {NLD+} [taking into account] {NLD+ BRA+} the revenue and net assets of the Foundation in 2024 [and considering the standard budget re-costing as appropriate] {PRT+ NLD+ COL+ BRA+}; [as a reflection of the discussions in the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters:] {NLD+ BRA+} ] {delete from 'this proposal' CMR+ NGA+ PRT-}~~

3. *Requests* the Executive Director to finalize the draft work programme and budget of UN-Habitat for 2025 based on feedback from the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and to present those for further consideration by the Executive Board at its second session of 2024 [taking into account the discussions in the ad hoc working group on programmatic budgetary and administrative matters] {NLD+};

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

4. *Takes note* of the report of the Executive Director on the financial status of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme as at 31 December 2023<sup>3</sup>, the report of the Executive Director on the interim financial status of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme as at 31 March 2024,<sup>4</sup> ~~[the report of the Executive Director on the staffing of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme as at 31 December 2023,<sup>5</sup> [the report of the Executive Director on recruitment, equitable geographical distribution and gender parity;<sup>6</sup> ] {EGY+ KEN+ NGA+ CMR+} and [encourages] {KEN+ COL+} [requests] {KEN+ COL+ CMR+} the Executive Director to continue the efforts to strengthen non-earmarked [Foundation] {NLD+ NGA+} [and ear-marked] {NLD+ NGA+} funding [in line with the resource mobilization strategy] {NGA+ CMR+}~~;

4 bis [Acknowledges both reports, the report of the Executive Director on the staffing of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme as at 31 December 2023,<sup>7</sup> and the report of the Executive Director on recruitment, equitable geographical distribution and gender parity<sup>8</sup>; ] {EGY+ KEN+ NGA+ CMR+} [and encourages the Executive Director to continue efforts towards equitable geographical [representation] {NLD+ NGA+} [distribution] {NLD+ NGA+} and gender parity of its staffing:] {CMR+ EGY+}

5. *Takes note* of the report of the Executive Director on actions to update and improve the internal management, policies and procedures of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme;<sup>9</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> HSP/EB.2023/23

<sup>3</sup> HSP/EB.2024/2.

<sup>4</sup> HSP/EB.2024/CRP.2.

~~<sup>5</sup> HSP/EB.2022/INF/3.~~

~~<sup>6</sup> HSP/EB.2024/X/Add.1.~~

<sup>7</sup> [HSB/EB.2022/INF/3.](#)

<sup>8</sup> [HSP/EB.2024/X/Add.1](#)

<sup>9</sup> HSP/EB.2024/11.

6. *Takes note* of 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.<sup>10</sup>

c) **The midterm review of strategic plan the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for the period 2020 to 2025 and the status of the draft strategic plan for the period 2026 to 2029**

7. *Takes note* of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the midterm review of the strategic plan of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for the period 2020 to 2025<sup>11</sup>

8. ~~*[Further]* {KEN+} *[Also]* {COL+} *[takes note of]* {COL+ NLD- KEN-} *[Acknowledges]* {COL+ NLD-} the report of the Executive Director on the *[development of the]* {EGY+ NGA+} *[draft]* {EGY+} strategic plan for the period 2026 to 2029<sup>12</sup> *[and encourages its [development and] {NGA+} refinement [in consultation with Member States, members of specialized agencies and [relevant] {UKR+} stakeholders] {NLD+ UKR+ KEN+} [including] {NGA+ PSE-} [in the framework of] {NGA+} the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters;]* {COL+ NLD-}~~

## **Draft decision 2024/B: 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.**

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Executive Director on the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat including update on Urban Regeneration, options and recommendations for the operationalization of the Sustainable Urban Resilience for the next Generation (SURGe), response to urban crisis, and activities for the period of July to December 2023;<sup>13</sup>

2. *Welcomes* the update on the UN-Habitat's Flagship Programme on 'Inclusive Communities, Thriving Cities' and *requests* the Executive Director to continue implementing normative and operational activities and develop partnerships to promote inclusive and sustainable urban regeneration;

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<sup>10</sup> HSP/EB.2024/10.

<sup>11</sup> HSP/EB.2024/4.

<sup>12</sup> HSP/EB.2025/5.

<sup>13</sup> HSP/EB.2024/6, HSP/EB.2024/INF/6, and HSP/EB.2024/INF/7.

3. *Recalls* Decision 2023/.6 of the Executive Board, and *welcomes* the preliminary report of the Executive Director on the “Status of the development of the efforts to reconstruct the human settlements in the Gaza Strip” and *requests* the Executive Director to present an updated report to the next session of the Executive Board;

4. *Requests* the Executive Director, in line with the mandate of the programme, to further develop the neighbourhood-based approach to recovery and reconstruction in the Gaza Strip, to use urban profiling to deepen the assessments and to explore options for building back better;

**(b) Preparations for the twelfth session of the World Urban Forum**

5. *Welcomes* the report of the Executive Director on the preparations for the twelfth session of the World Urban Forum;<sup>14</sup>

6. *Welcomes* the selection of the city of Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan, to host the thirteenth session of the World Urban Forum in 2026;

**(c) Implementation by UN-Habitat of reforms of the development system and management of the United Nations**

7. *Takes note* of the Note by the secretariat and the related checklist on the implementation of the UN Development System reform in UN-Habitat and *welcomes* efforts by UN-Habitat to continue contributing to the implementation of the reform of the United Nations development system.<sup>15</sup>

**Draft Decision 2024 / C: Update on the implementation of resolutions adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme of the United Nations Habitat Assembly.**

*The Executive Board,*

**(a) Progress in implementation of all resolutions adopted by the by the United Nations Habitat Assembly**

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Executive Director on the status of implementation of the resolutions adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly<sup>16</sup>

2. *Welcomes* the efforts by the Executive Director to regularly update Member States on the progress in implementing all resolutions in a balanced manner.

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<sup>14</sup> HSP/EB.2024/7.

<sup>15</sup> HSP/EB.2024/9 and HSP/EB.2024/INF/8.

<sup>16</sup> HSP/EB.2024/8.

**(b) Implementation of Resolution 2/5 on “Enhancing the interlinkage between urbanization and climate change resilience “, specifically, operationalisation of the Sustainable Urban Resilience for the next Generation (SURGe), initiative as a meaningful institutional arrangement.**

3. *Recalls* resolution 2/5 of the UN-Habitat Assembly <sup>17</sup> and [*recommends*] that [*Option 1 XXX*] [*Option 2 XXX*] [*Option 3 XXX*] is most suitable for operationalising the SURGe initiative and *requests* the Executive Director to continue working with partners to implement SURGe towards accelerated multilevel climate action within the scope of the decided option;

**c) implementation of Resolution 2/7 of the UN-Habitat Assembly on “Adequate housing for all”, specifically, the date and agenda for the first session of the Open-Ended Intergovernmental Expert Working Group on Adequate Housing for All and its activities and programme of work.**

4. *Recalls* resolution 2/7 of the UN-Habitat Assembly and *decides* that the first session of the Open-Ended Intergovernmental Expert Working Group on Adequate Housing for All will be held for a duration of [two] [three] days from [22 to 23 October] [22 to 24 October] [10 to 11 December] [9 to 11 December] 2024;

5. *Also decides* that the provisional agenda for the first session will be as follows:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Organizational matters:
  - a) Adoption of the agenda for the first session;
  - b) Election of officers;
  - c) Terms of reference of the Open-Ended Intergovernmental Expert Working Group.
3. The state of efforts to progressively realize adequate housing for all.
4. Development of a framework for measuring and reporting on the adequacy of housing across diverse national and local contexts.
5. Progress made in implementing the UN-Habitat programme of work related to adequate housing.
6. Existing multilateral and bilateral support for the development and implementation of effective housing policies, programmes and projects.
7. The establishment of a publicly accessible, complementary platform that includes summaries of the most recently available data on the provision of adequate housing.
8. Other matters.
9. Closure of the session.

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<sup>17</sup> HSP/HA.2/Res.5

**Draft decision 2024/D: Methods of work of the Executive Board and the workplan of the Executive Board for 2024**

*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 third session of 2023;<sup>18</sup>

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;

4. *Requests* the chair of the ad hoc working group on the development of a stakeholder engagement policy to present a draft stakeholder engagement policy for consideration by the Executive Board at its second session of 2024 and for possible recommendation to the United Nations Habitat Assembly at its resumed second session.

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

5. *Takes note* of the results of the survey conducted by the Secretariat following the third session of the Executive Board of 2023 to evaluate the effectiveness of that session, so as to further improve the process and outcome of future sessions;<sup>19</sup>

**(c) Dates and provisional agenda for the second session of 2024 of the Executive Board**

6. *Decides* that the second session of 2024 of the Executive Board will be held for a duration of three days from [4 to 6 December 2024];

7. *Also decides* that the provisional agenda for the second session of 2024 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 2024;
  - b) Adoption of the report of the first session of 2024.
3. Reports of the ad hoc working groups established by the Executive Board.
4. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters,.

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<sup>18</sup> HSP/EB.2023/22

<sup>19</sup> HSP/EB.2024//INF.9

5. Consideration and possible approval of the draft work programme of UN-Habitat and draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2025.
6. Annual report for 2023 on the strategic plan for the period 2020–2025.
7. Implementation of the normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, including reporting on the programmatic activities of UN-Habitat in 2024 and the implementation of subprogrammes, flagship programmes and technical cooperation activities, and UN-Habitat engagement in countries, territories and areas affected by conflicts and disasters
8. Outcomes of the twelfth session of the World Urban Forum.
9. Briefing by the Executive Director on the implementation of all resolutions adopted by of the United Nations Habitat Assembly of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme.
10. Update by the Executive Director on the preparations for the resumed second regular 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. Consideration and adoption of the outcomes of the session, including the provisional agenda for the first session of 2025 of the Executive Board.
14. Other matters.
15. Closure of the session.