



**2024 Third Meeting of the Bureau of the Committee of Permanent  
Representatives**

Monday, 2 September 2024

11:00 hrs. to 12:00 hrs. noon East Africa Time (ETA)

**Statement by the Executive Director**

*(Draft of 28 August)*

**SLIDE 1: Title slide**

**SLIDE 2: Provisional Agenda**

*(Adoption of the Agenda to be led by the Chair)*

1. Adoption of the provisional Agenda.
- 2) Preparations of the third open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (OECPR) in 2025.
  - a. Discussion on the provisional Agenda.
  - b. Proposed organization of work.
  - c. Elections
- 3) Discussion on the provisional Agenda of the resumed second Session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly.
- 4) Any other matters.



**SLIDE 3: (Title Slide) Agenda item 2. Preparations of the third open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (OECPR) in 2025.**

- a. Discussion on the provisional Agenda.**
- b. Proposed organization of work.**
- c. Elections**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Excellencies, Good morning.

It is my distinct honour to join you at this meeting of the Bureau of the Executive Board.

It is a great pleasure to meet all the distinguished representatives of the Bureau and to express my sincere gratitude for the warm welcome I have received since my arrival here.

I have been adequately briefed by my team here at UN-Habitat led by the Deputy Executive Director, Michal Mlynar who has astutely held the fort, prior to my arrival.

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate you all for your excellent efforts in steering the work of CPR and by extension supporting the crucial mandate of UN-Habitat as you continuously guide the Organization.

Mr. Chairman,

With your permission, allow me to briefly share with the Bureau, my vision for our Organization . **(OED TO ADD TEXT HERE ON ED'S VISION)**



**SLIDE 4: Item 2a: Revised provisional Agenda.**

Excellencies,

Let me now share our update on agenda item 2 which is Preparations of the third open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (OECPR) in 2025.

I will specifically highlight the latest version of the provisional Agenda and the proposed organization of work based on previous discussion by this Bureau at its last meeting held on 5 July. I will then also share the expected composition of the next Bureau of the CPR in anticipation of the elections which is scheduled to take place during the third OECPR meeting.

Mr. Chairman,

It is my understating that the Bureau had discussed the dates of the third OECRP and suggested that the meeting be held from 26 to 28 May 2025, just prior to the second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly.

It is also my understanding that Bureau at its meetings of 21 June and 5 July gave inputs with respect to the provisional Agenda for the third OECPR, and that today, the intention is for the Bureau to make a final recommendation on the agenda to enable us proceed with preparation of the necessary documents towards the meeting, including my Notification to Members and partners.

Excellencies,



The latest version of the provisional Agenda is now on the screen. This version has taken into account the adjustments requested during the meeting of 5 July and is as follows:

1. Opening of the meeting:
  - a) Organizational matters;
  - b) Adoption of the agenda and the workplan for the third open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.
  
2. Adoption of the report of the Committee of Permanent Representatives on the work of its third open-ended meeting.
  
3. Progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda: a) Briefing on the preparation of the quadrennial report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda.
  
4. Report of the twelfth session of the World Urban Forum and preparations for the thirteenth session of the World Urban Forum.

**SLIDE 5 : Item 2a: Revised provisional Agenda (continued).**

5. Progress in the implementation of the decisions and resolutions adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly at its adjourned second session.
  
6. Strategic plan of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme:
  - a) Implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2025, including its midterm review;
  - b) Status of preparation of the strategic plan for the next period 2026 - 2029 by the Executive Board.



7. Review of the status of preparations for the resumed second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly

**SLIDE 6 : Item 2a: Revised provisional Agenda ( continued).**

8. Preparation of **draft outcomes** of the resumed second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly, including the dates and provisional agenda of the third session.

9. Election of the officers of the Bureau.

10. Consideration of the Chair’s draft summary of the third open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.

11. Other matters.

12. Closure of the meeting.

A key change that was proposed at the meeting of 5 July is on agenda item 8 wherein the Bureau Members recommended that the words “*Preparation of draft resolutions, declarations and decisions*’ be changed to “***Draft Outcomes***”. This is highlighted in blue as you can see. This was primarily meant to discourage the possibility of submission of new resolutions and maintaining outcomes that are based only on the need to conclude the unfinished business of the second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly.



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## **SLIDE 7: item 2b. Proposed organizational arrangements prior to the third OECPR**

Mr. Chairman  
Excellencies,

Let me now move to subitem 2b which is the Proposed **organization of work for the third OECPR**.

It is my understanding that the Bureau had begun looking at the proposed organization of work in order to better understand how the items in the provisional agenda could be efficiently covered during the meeting.

I now have the pleasure to share the latest version of the organisation of work based on recommendations from the preliminary discussions held on 5 July 2024.

The proposed organisation of work is reflected on the screen and is available in front of you.

Prior to the third OECPR, and in addition to the **Bureau meetings** which can be expected to be quite regular especially from January 2025, we wish to propose that **informal consultations be held at least from February 2025** to begin discussions on the various elements of the agenda items before the OECPR.

Specifically, any draft decisions and resolutions that the UN-Habitat Assembly should eventually consider at its resumed second session should first go through the **informal consultations** prior to the OECPR and benefit from final consultations and recommendation to the Assembly during the OECPR.



Allow me to emphasize here that the expectation we all have is that there will be a very limited number of draft decisions and resolutions to be considered. The intention during the OECPR and subsequently the resumed session of the Assembly is to conclude only the unfinished business emanating from the adjourned second session of the Assembly.

**SLIDE 8: item 2b. Proposed organizational arrangements during the third OECPR**

Excellencies,

Coming to the organization of work during the third OECPR itself, this is what we wish to share based on your preliminary guidance on 5 July 2024 and as reflected on the screen.

**On Day 1 of the OECPR, at the morning plenary** we propose that the following items be considered by the OECPR:

**Agenda item 1:** Opening of the meeting:

- a) Organizational matters;
- b) Adoption of the agenda and the workplan for the third open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.

**Agenda item 2:** Adoption of the report of the Committee of Permanent Representatives on the work of its second open-ended meeting.



- In addition, we propose that the Chairs of Regional Groups be given the space to make Regional Statements as was done during the first and second open-ended OECPR meetings in 2021 and 2023.

**Agenda item 3:** Progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda: a) Briefing on the preparation of the quadrennial report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda.

**During Lunch break on day 1,** we hope that informal consultations on draft decisions and resolutions can continue.

**In the Afternoon of Day 1,** we propose that focus be placed on the following two agenda items as suggested by the Bureau at its meeting on 5 July 2024:

**Agenda item 4:** Report of the twelfth session of the World Urban Forum and preparations for the thirteenth session of the World Urban Forum.

**Agenda item 5:** Progress in the implementation of the decisions and resolutions adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly at its adjourned second session.

- In the evening of Day 1, following the end of interpretation services, informal consultations on draft decisions and resolutions may continue

**In the morning of Day 2,** we propose that focus be placed on the following two agenda items:

**Agenda item 6:** Strategic plan of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme: with the sub-items:





- a) Implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2025, including its midterm review;
- b) Status of preparation of the strategic plan for the next period 2026 -2029 by the Executive Board.

**Agenda item 7:** Review of the status of preparations for the resumed second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly.

- Again informal consultations can continue during Lunch break of Day 2

From the Afternoon of Day 2 all through to the morning of Day 3, we propose that ample focus be given to this very important agenda item in preparation for the resumed second session of the Assembly which is

**Agenda item 8:** Preparation of draft outcomes of the resumed second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly, including the dates and provisional agenda of the third session.

Agenda Item 8 will usher in the final informal and formal consultations on draft decisions until they are in good shape for recommendation to the Assembly by the end of the Morning of Day 3.

Agenda item 8 is therefore proposed to remain as the focus of Day 3, in the morning and early part of the afternoon, should that be required.

The final plenary of the OECPR in the afternoon of Day 3 will conclude with the following items:



**Agenda item 9:** Election of the officers of the Bureau.

**Agenda item 10:** Consideration of the Chair's draft summary of the third open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.

**Agenda item 11:** Other matters.

and

**Agenda item 12:** Closure of the meeting.

In our view, this proposed provisional organizational arrangements for the OECPR, with proper preparations and consultations prior to the meeting and by dedicating a good amount of time to each agenda item during the session, and particularly allocating more time to agenda item 8 on draft outcomes, will help towards the successful conclusion of the third OECPR.

**SLIDE 9 : Item 2c: "Elections".**

Mr. Chairman,  
Excellencies,

To conclude Agenda item 2 of today's meeting, allow me to move quickly to subitem 2c on "Elections". Here I wish to simply highlight the expected composition of the next Bureau of the CPR to be elected at the end of the third OECPR, for a duration of two years from 2025 to 2027. That composition is as follows:

**CHAIR:** Western European and Others State (WEOG)

**VICE-CHAIRS:**



Asia – Pacific States

Eastern European States

Latin American and Caribbean States (GRULAC)

**RAPPORTEUR:** African States

Thank you, Mr. Chairman,

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**SLIDE 10: (TITLE SLIDE): Agenda item 3. Discussion on the provisional Agenda for the resumed second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly.**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**SLIDE 11: Provisional agenda of the resumed second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly to be held from 29 to 30 May 2025.**

Excellencies,

On this item I understand that the CPR Bureau at its two past meetings has had a chance to look at the provisional agenda of the resumed second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly to be held for two days from 29 to 30 May 2025. Based on Decision 2/2 of the Assembly, I understand that the Bureau made some preliminary observations on the provisional agenda and suggested two editorial amendments for the purpose of clarity.



The changes are on **agenda items 4 and 9** and are highlighted in blue on the screen and the document before you.

The provisional agenda with these changes now reads as follows:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Report of the Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.
4. **Report of the Bureau on Credentials.**
5. Election of the members of the Executive Board.
6. Strategic plan for the period 2026–2029.
7. Adoption of the outcomes of the session.
8. Provisional agenda and other arrangements for the third session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly.
9. Election of officers **of the Bureau of the UN-Habitat Assembly.**
10. Other matters.
11. Closure of the session

We would very much appreciate your guidance and recommendation of the provisional agenda to enable us to proceed with the preparation of the necessary documents.

Thank you for your kind attention

Thank you, Mr Chairman,

Back to you.

**SLIDE 13: Agenda item 4: Any other Matters.**