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Technical inputs towards the draft outcomes to be considered by the Executive Board at its second session of 2024

Draft decision 2024/[A]: Financial, budgetary and administrative matters of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat); The work programme of UN-Habitat and budget for 2025 and 2026; Implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2025 and preparation of the strategic plan for the period 2026 – 2029; and Implementation of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the findings of its review of the management and administration of UN-Habitat;

The Executive Board

(a) **Financial, budgetary and administrative matters of UN-Habitat.**

1. *Takes note of* the reports and updates of the Executive Director on:

- The financial status as at 30 June 2024¹;
- The interim financial status as at 30 September 2024²;
- The UN-Habitat financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 and Report of the Board of Auditors³;

¹ HSP/EB.2024/15

² HSP/EB.2024/CRP.4

³ A/79/5/Add.9

2. *Recalls* paragraph 10 of decision 2023/4⁴ and *requests* the Executive Director to provide an update on the Sustainable Cities and Communities Foundation to the Executive Board at its first session of each year for the duration of the agreement as established in paragraph 20.1 of the Contribution Agreement.

(b) **The work programme of UN-Habitat and the draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2025.**

3. *Recalls* paragraph 3 of decision 2024/1⁵ and *approves* the work programme of UN-Habitat and the non-earmarked budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2025 of 4.687 million United States dollars, as set out in the report of the Executive Director on the draft work programme of UN-Habitat and draft budget of the United Nations Human Settlements Foundation for 2025⁶;

[3 bis.) *Further decides* that the non-earmarked budget for 2025 may be increased to 5.944 million United States dollars, as set out in annex 3 of the above report *only if* the total non-earmarked revenue for 2024 is at least 5.944 million United States dollars, provided that the new posts are temporary with an initial duration of 12 months.

(c) **The work programme of UN-Habitat and the draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2026**

4. *Requests* the Executive Director to update the Executive Board at its first and third sessions of [\[and not later than the second session\]{BRB+}](#) 2025 on the status of the draft work programme and the draft budget for 2026, taking into account the recommendations of the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters.

(d) **Implementation of the strategic plan of UN-Habitat for the period 2020–2025 and preparation of the next strategic plan for the period 2026–2029.**

The Executive Board

5. *Takes note of* the report of the Executive Director on the Annual Report for 2023⁷ on the implementation of the strategic plan of UN-Habitat for the period 2020–2025 and the summary thereof⁸;

6. *Takes note of* the report of the Executive Director on the development of the strategic plan for the period 2026-2029⁹;

⁴ HSP/EB.2023/23

⁵ HSP/EB.2024/13

⁶ HSP/EB.2024/16

⁷ HSP/EB.2024/INF/12

⁸ HSP/EB.2024/17

⁹ HSP/EB.2024/18

7. Welcomes the ongoing consultative process undertaken by the Executive Director in preparing the draft strategic plan for the period 2026-2029 in an open and inclusive manner [\[until its adoption\]](#){KEN+, COL-, ARG-}; and requests the Executive Director to continue such practice in the final stages of preparation of the draft strategic plan until its adoption.

8. Requests the Executive Director to finalize the draft strategic plan taking into account the recommendations of the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters, for consideration by the Executive Board at its first session of 2025.

- (e) **Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services and the report of the Ethics Office and Implementation of the Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the findings of its review of the management and administration of UN-Habitat.**

9. Takes note of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the activities of the Office for the period from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024¹⁰ and requests the Executive Director to further implement in a timely manner the recommendations contained in the report;

10. Also takes note of the report of the Ethics Office for the period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023¹¹ and of the related update by the Executive Director;

11. Recalls decision 2/5 of the United Nations Habitat Assembly¹² and decision 2022/5 of the Executive Board¹³, in particular paragraph 6 thereof, and takes note of the report of the Executive Director on the progress in the implementation of the recommendations of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the findings of its review of the management and administration of UN-Habitat¹⁴.

Draft decision 2024/[B]: Implementation of the normative and operational activities of the UN-Habitat; reporting on the programmatic activities of the Programme in 2024, implementation of subprogrammes, flagship programmes and technical cooperation activities

The Executive Board

¹⁰ HSP/EB.2024/21

¹¹ Ibid.

¹² Contained in document HSP/HA.2/11

¹³ HSP/EB.2022/22

¹⁴ HSP/EB.2022/22

(a) **Implementation of the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat**

1. *Takes note of* the update and report by the Executive Director on normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat including updates on ~~[the Nepal Country Programme, the Jordan Country Programme,]~~ {EGY+} urban crises prevention and response initiatives and highlights of activities for the period from January to June 2024 ~~[, and welcomes the updates on the Nepal country programme and Jordan country programme]~~ {EGY+};

2. *[Welcomes* the ongoing operational activities in Nepal and Jordan [among others] {Chair+} {Comment: CRI, NGA, EGY retain first part of the original paragraph, i.e. current paragraph 2}

2.bis requests the Executive Director to [strengthen] the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat at the country and regional levels; {DEU+, MAR+, NGA+, EGY+ }{Reserve: DEU}

3. *[Reiterates* its support to collaborate with the United Nations Development System, including through UN-Habitat country programme documents] {Reserve: BRA, MAR, USA, EGY, COL, NGA, DEU, ARG}

[3 bis Recalls decisions 2023/5, paragraph 6 and 2024/2, paragraph 5 of the Executive Board, and takes note of the update made on the 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 a comprehensive report to the Executive Board at its first session in 2025;] {PSE+ EGY+ TUR+ COL+ DZA+ MAR+ IRN+ CHN+} {reserve USA, ISR, ARG, NGA} [move as 4 bis DZA+ PSE-]

4. *Supports* the ongoing efforts to reconstruct the human settlements affected by conflict and disaster and *requests* the Executive Director to submit regular status reports to the Executive Board; [Secretariat to clarify language]

5. *[Requests* the Executive Director to strengthen the nexus among the thematic areas of work that demonstrate sustainable impact in the lives of the people at the results levels, through a collective effort of the normative and implementation teams, with knowledge sharing platforms across the region for upscaling best practices.] [Comment: Secretariat to review language]

(b) **[Programmatic activities of the programme in 2024] {CHN+} [Twelfth session of the World Urban Forum] {CHN+}**

5 Bis [Appreciates Egypt successfully hosting the 12th session of the World Urban Forum and the global observance of the World Cities Day 2024, and appreciates Mexico successfully hosting the global observance of World Habitat Day 2024;] {CHN+}

6. *Takes note of* the update and the report by the Executive Director on the summary of the outcomes of the twelfth session of the World Urban Forum [and the World Cities Day as well as the World Habitat Day] {CHN+ NGA+ BRA- CRI-};

7. ~~[[Invites Member States to]~~ {USA+ BRA+ MAR+ COL+ NGA+} ~~[Urges the Executive Director to]~~ {USA+ BRA+ MAR+ COL+ NGA+} ~~[consider]~~ {PRT+ USA+ BRA+ MAR+ COL+ PSE+} ~~[integrate]~~ {PRT+ USA+ BRA+ MAR+ COL+} the outcomes of the twelfth session of the World Urban Forum ~~[into]~~ {PRT+ USA+ BRA+ MAR+} ~~[as an input to the discussions of]~~ {PRT+ MAR+ COL+} ~~[during discussions of]~~ {USA+ BRA+ COL+} the draft strategic plan for the period 2026-2029 ~~[and to [incorporate]~~ {COL+} ~~[consider]~~ {COL+} ~~discussions at sessions of the World Urban Forum as input to the themes of the sessions of the United Nations Habitat Assembly]~~ {USA+ BRA+ MAR- EGY- COL- reserve NGA};] ~~[reserve EGY]~~

7 bis [Requests the Executive Director to submit a regular report on World Habitat Day, WUF, World Cities Day and Urban October to the Executive Board.] {CHN+}

Draft Decision 2024/C: Update on the implementation of resolutions adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly and preparations for its resumed second session

The Executive Board

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

1. *Takes note of* the report of the Executive Director on the implementation of resolutions adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly;

2. *Welcomes* the efforts by the Executive Director to regularly update Member States on the progress [on the implementation] {DZA+} of all resolutions, and *reaffirms* the need to implement them in a [n equal,] {MAR+ DZA+} balanced manner;

3. *Recalls* paragraph 4 and 5 of decision 2024/3¹⁵, *takes note of* the progress made in preparing for the first session of open-ended intergovernmental expert working group on adequate housing for all, to be held from 9 to 11 December 2024 ~~[, and encourages Member States to make voluntary contributions towards the future work of the group]~~ {USA+}.

(b) **Preparations for the resumed second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly**

4. *Welcomes* the update by the Executive Director on the preparations for the resumed second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly, to be held from 29 to 30 May 2025;

5. ~~[[Calls upon]]~~{CRI+ COL+} ~~[Invites]~~ {CRI+ COL+} Member States~~[- supported by the Secretariat,]~~ {CRI+} to ~~[prioritize]~~ {GBR+ NGA- COL-} ~~[consider]~~ {DZA+ COL+ NGA+ GBR-} ~~[prioritizing]~~ {NGA+ COL-} ~~[limit]~~ {GBR+ DZA+ NGA-} ~~[limiting]~~ {DZA+ COL+ GBR- NGA-} the outcomes to those that conclude the unfinished matters from the adjourned second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly.] ~~{delete para BRA+ EUN- COL- FRA-}~~ ~~{reserve EGY, ISR, NGA, IRN}~~

Draft decision 2024/[D]: Methods of work of the Executive Board and the workplan of the Executive Board for 2025

The Executive Board

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

1. *Adopts* the report of the Executive Board of UN-Habitat on the work of its first session of 2024¹⁶;

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

3. *Also takes note of* the briefing by the Chair of the ad hoc working group on the development of a stakeholder engagement policy on the group's work ~~[and encourages Member States to continue discussing this matter]~~ {COL+} ~~[and welcomes the progress made in the preparing the draft stakeholder engagement policy¹⁷]~~ {MAR+ EGY+};

4. ~~[Endorses~~ the draft stakeholder engagement policy of UN-Habitat and *recommends* the draft policy to the United Nations Habitat Assembly for consideration at its resumed second session;] ~~{delete para EGY+ MAR+ COL+ DZA+ IRN+}~~

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

5. *Takes note of* the results of the survey conducted by the Secretariat following the first session of the Executive Board of 2024 to evaluate the effectiveness of that session so as to further improve the process and outcome of future sessions;

¹⁶ HSP/EB.2024/12

¹⁷ ~~HSP/EB.2024/INF/11~~

(c) **Date and agenda for the next session of the Executive Board and its workplan for 2025**

6. *Decides* that, subject to review by the Bureau, the sessions of the Executive Board in 2025 will be held as follows:

(a) the first session of 2025 will be held for a duration of three days from [17 to 19 March 2025 or] {Chair+} 25 to 27 March 2025 [~~or from 18 to 20 March 2025, [or from 8 to 10 April 2025] {RUS+} {USA+}~~];{Chair+}

[a bis) the second session of the Executive Board will be held [after the election of [the][its] new members by the resumed second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly] ARG+} [on the last day of the UN-Habitat Assembly] {ARG+} with the view to elect a new Bureau of the Executive Board] {DEU+}

(b) the third session of 2025 will be held for a duration of three days [in November 2025] {DEU+} [~~from 11 to 13 November 2025] or [18 to 20 November 2025]~~] {DEU+}

7. *Also decides* that the provisional agenda for the first session of 2025, to be further reviewed by the Bureau, will be as follows:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Organizational matters:
 - a. Adoption of the agenda and the workplan for the first session of 2025;
 - b. Adoption of the report of the Executive Board on the work of its second session of 2024;
3. Reports by the chairs of the ad hoc working groups.
4. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters.
5. Update on the draft work programme of UN-Habitat and draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2026.
6. Update on the preparation of and possible recommendation of the [next] {ARG+ MAR+} [draft] {ARG+ MAR+} strategic plan of UN-Habitat for the period 2026–2029.
7. Implementation of the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat, including reporting on its programmatic activities in 2024 and the implementation of its subprogrammes, flagship programmes and technical cooperation activities.
8. Update on the implementation of the resolutions adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme.
9. Implementation by UN-Habitat of the reform of the development system and management of the United Nations.

10. Action by UN-Habitat to strengthen protection against sexual or any other type of exploitation and abuse and against sexual harassment in the workplace.
11. Annual report on action by the Executive Director to update and improve the internal management, policies and procedures of UN-Habitat.
12. [~~Election of officers of the Bureau of the Executive Board.~~] {BRA+
MAR+}
13. Other matters.
14. Closure of the session.