



Ninth Bureau Meeting of the Executive Board of UN-Habitat
Monday, 25 November 2024
14:00 pm – 16:00 pm EAT

Speaking notes for the Chair of the ad hoc working group on PBA

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Good afternoon Chair, distinguished members of the Bureau of the Executive Board, Madam ED, dear DED and colleagues,

I have the pleasure to update you on the work of the ad hoc working group on programmatic budgetary and administrative matters especially the status of the consideration of the draft outcomes to be considered by the Executive Board at its next session.

You may wish to recall that at the Bureau meeting on 18 October 2024, the Bureau recommended that the ad hoc working group on PBA begin discussions on the draft outcomes of the second session of the Executive Board for 2024.

Also following the recommendation by the Bureau, the Secretariat circulated the technical inputs towards the draft outcomes to be considered by the Executive Board at its second session of 2024 on 18 October for Member States' consideration.

The draft outcomes included 4 decisions, as on the screen and already mentioned by Madam Executive Director.

A full-day meeting of the ad hoc working group on PBA was held on 20 November 2024, during which we were able to start first reading on Draft Decision A from (a) to (d).

The only thing I noted as Chair that attracted divergent views was on the proposed budget for 2025 with consideration for 4.7 million USD with an additional paragraph proposing 5.944 million.



As at this point, Member States are still consulting with capitals on all paragraphs, and we hope to make good progress at the next meeting when, hopefully we can close on some paragraphs ad referendum.

Following the suggestions from Member States and the Bureau on more time to allow for discussions, I have worked with the Secretariat and the Chair of the Bureau of the Executive Bureau to make a few changes on the following 2 meeting of the ad hoc working group on PBA.

- For the meeting on Wednesday 27 November 2024, the meeting will be held from 9:00 to 12:00 and 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm;
- For the meeting on 2 December 2024, the meeting will be held from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm, (pending the consideration and decision by the Bureau of the Executive Board.

With that said, I look forward to the next meeting this Wednesday and I expect more progress will be made, with the support from all of you.

I will remain available to update the Bureau at its next meeting , if that will be feasible.

Thank you Chair, back to you.