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Decisions adopted by the Executive Board at its second session of 2024

Decision 2024/5: Financial, budgetary and administrative matters of UN-Habitat; the work programme of UN-Habitat and the 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; implementation of the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit based on its review of the management and administration of UN-Habitat

The Executive Board

(a) **Financial, budgetary and administrative matters of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme**

1. *Takes note* of the reports and updates of the Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) on:
 - (a) The financial status of UN-Habitat as at 30 June 2024;¹
 - (b) The interim financial status of UN-Habitat as at 30 September 2024;
 - (c) The UN-Habitat financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 and the report of the Board of Auditors;²
2. *Recalls* paragraph 10 of decision 2023/4³ and requests the Executive Director to provide an update to the Executive Board at its first session of each year on the Sustainable Cities and Communities Foundation, for the duration of the agreement; with the Foundation;⁴
3. *Requests* the Executive Director to update the Executive Board at its first session of 2025 on the status of implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors,⁵ taking into account the recommendations of the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters;

¹ HSP/EB.2024/15.

² A/79/5/Add.9.

³ See document HSP/EB.2023/23.

⁴ See decision 2023/4, para. 10.

⁵ See document A/79/5/Add.9.

(b) Work programme of UN-Habitat and budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2025

4. *Recalls* paragraph 3 of decision 2024/1,⁶ 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 2025;⁷

5. *Decides* that the non-earmarked budget for 2025 may be increased to 5.944 million dollars, as specified in annex 3 of the above-mentioned report, only if the total non-earmarked revenue for 2024 is at least 5.944 million dollars and provided that any proposed new posts are temporary, with an initial duration of 12 months;

(c) Work programme of UN-Habitat and budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2026

6. *Requests* the Executive Director to update the Executive Board at its first and third sessions of 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 strategic plan for the period 2026–2029

7. *Takes note* of the report of the Executive Director on the annual report for 2023 on the implementation of the strategic plan of UN-Habitat for the period 2020–2025⁸ and the summary thereof;⁹

8. *Also takes note* of the report of the Executive Director on the development of the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029;¹⁰

9. *Welcomes* the ongoing consultative process being carried out by the Executive Director with a view to preparing the draft strategic plan of UN-Habitat for the period 2026–2029 in an open and inclusive manner, and requests the Executive Director to continue such practice in the final stages of the preparation of the draft strategic plan and until its adoption;

10. *Requests* the Executive Director to finalize the draft strategic plan, taking into account the inputs of Member States during the second session of the Executive Board of 2024 and the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters, for consideration by the Executive Board at its first session of 2025, mindful of complementarity with the work of other entities within the United Nations development system;

(e) Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services, report of the Ethics Office and implementation of the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit based on its review of the management and administration of UN-Habitat

11. *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 2024,¹¹ and requests the Executive Director to fully implement in a timely manner the recommendations contained in the report;

12. *Also takes note* of the report of the Ethics Office on its activities in 2023¹² and the related update by the Executive Director, and recommends the establishment of an interagency dialogue involving the International Labour Organization and the World Health Organization, with a view to improving the ethics-related activities of UN-Habitat;

⁶ See document HSP/EB.2024/13.

⁷ HSP/EB.2024/16.

⁸ HSP/EB.2024/INF/12.

⁹ HSP/EB.2024/17.

¹⁰ HSP/EB.2024/18.

¹¹ A/79/309 (Part I) and A/79/301 (Part I)/Add.1.

¹² A/79/76.

13. *Recalls* decision 2/5 of the United Nations Habitat Assembly¹³ and decision 2022/5 of the Executive Board,¹⁴ in particular paragraph 6 thereof, and takes note of the report of the Executive Director on progress in the implementation of the recommendations of the 2022 report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the findings of its review of the management and administration of UN-Habitat.¹⁵

Decision 2024/6: Implementation of the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat; reporting on the programmatic activities of UN-Habitat in 2024; implementation of subprogrammes, flagship programmes and technical cooperation activities

The Executive Board

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

1. *Takes note* of the update by and report of the Executive Director on the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat, including updates on the Nepal and Jordan country programmes, urban crises prevention and response initiatives and activities for the period from January to June 2024,¹⁶ and expresses appreciation for the additional updates on the Nepal and Jordan country programmes;

2. *Requests* the Executive Director to continue efforts to strengthen the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat at the country and regional levels, while giving due attention to the need to ensure effective evaluation and internal accountability mechanisms;

3. *Also requests* the Executive Director to continue efforts to strengthen the work of UN-Habitat, including by further integrating its thematic areas of work, connecting its normative and operational activities, and using knowledge-sharing platforms, including communities of practice, across the regions to achieve greater impact at the country level;

4. *Recalls* paragraph 6 of decision 2023/5 and paragraph 5 of decision 2024/2 of the Executive Board,^{17,18} takes note of the update with regard to the report of the Executive Director on the status of the development of the efforts to reconstruct the human settlements in the Gaza Strip,¹⁹ and requests the Executive Director to present the comprehensive report to the Executive Board at its first session of 2025, if conditions allow it, and by no later than its third session of 2025;

5. *Also recalls* paragraph 7 of decision 2024/2,²⁰ takes note of the request by the Government of Ukraine for the Executive Director to present to the Executive Board at its third session of 2025 a comprehensive report on efforts to reconstruct the human settlements affected by conflict in Ukraine, recalls paragraph 3 of decision 2022/6,²¹ and recommends that the Executive Director report to the Executive Board on the ongoing activities of UN-Habitat in countries, territories and areas affected by conflict and disaster, in a uniform manner, in accordance with the mandate of UN-Habitat;

6. *Expresses its support* for the ongoing efforts to reconstruct human settlements affected by conflict and disaster, and requests the Executive Director to submit regular status reports to the Executive Board;

(b) Twelfth session of the World Urban Forum, World Cities Day 2024, World Habitat Day 2024 and regional urban forums

7. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Government of Egypt for having successfully hosted the twelfth session of the World Urban Forum, invites Member States to duly consider the outcomes of the twelfth session of the World Urban Forum as input on the discussions on the draft strategic plan of UN-Habitat for the period 2026–2029, and urges Member States to consider the discussions at the

¹³ See document HSP/HA.2/11/Rev.1, annex II.

¹⁴ See document HSP/EB.2022/22.

¹⁵ HSP/EB.2024/22.

¹⁶ HSP/EB.2024/19.

¹⁷ See document HSP/EB.2023/23.

¹⁸ See HSP/EB.2024/13.

¹⁹ HSP/EB.2024/INF/13.

²⁰ See document HSP/EB.2024/13.

²¹ See document HSP/EB.2022/22.

sessions of the World Urban Forum as input on the themes of the sessions of the UN-Habitat Assembly;

8. *Also expresses its appreciation* for the global observances of World Cities Day 2024, in Egypt, and of World Habitat Day 2024, in Mexico;

9. *Takes note* of the outcomes of the first Africa Urban Forum, held from 4 to 6 September 2024 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia;

10. *Requests* the Executive Director to give briefings on Urban October activities, including the global observances of World Cities Day and World Habitat Day, as well as on regional forums, such as the Africa Urban Forum.

Decision 2024/7: 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 resolutions adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Executive Director on the implementation of all resolutions adopted by the UN-Habitat Assembly;²²

2. *Welcomes* the efforts of the Executive Director to update Member States regularly on progress in the implementation of all UN-Habitat resolutions, and affirms the need to fully implement them in a balanced manner and with equal priority;

3. *Recalls* paragraphs 4 and 5 of decision 2024/3,²³ takes note of the progress made in preparing for the first session of the Open-Ended Intergovernmental Expert Working Group on Adequate Housing for All, to be held from 9 to 11 December 2024, and invites Member States and other stakeholders to provide adequate resources for the activities of the Working Group;

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

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

Decision 2024/8: 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 on the work of its first session of 2024;²⁴

2. *Takes note* of the briefing given 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 given by the Chair of the ad hoc working group on the development of a draft stakeholder engagement policy on the group's work, and encourages Member States to continue to discuss the matter;

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

4. *Takes note* of the results of the survey conducted by the secretariat following the first session of 2024 of the Executive Board to evaluate the effectiveness of that session in order to further improve the processes and outcomes of future sessions;

²² HSP/EB.2024/20.

²³ See document HSP/EB.2024/13.

²⁴ HSP/EB.2024/12.

5. *Recalls* that, in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Executive Board, endorsed by the UN-Habitat Assembly in decision 1/2 of 31 May 2019,²⁵ all meetings of the Executive Board, including meetings to provide updates on the work of UN-Habitat, must be prepared and organized by the Bureau of the Executive Board and chaired by one of its members;

(c) Dates and agenda of 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 at a date to be decided on by the Bureau at its next meeting with agreement by the respective regional groups;

(b) The second session of 2025 will be held after the election of the new members by the resumed second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly, with a view to electing a new Bureau of the Board,

(c) The third session of 2025 will be held for a duration of three days in the last quarter of 2025;

7. *Also decides* that the provisional agenda of 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 of 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 the draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2026.
6. Update on the preparation of, and possible recommendation of, the draft strategic plan of UN-Habitat for the period 2026–2029.
7. Briefing on the Sustainable Cities and Communities Foundation.
8. Implementation of the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat, including reporting on the programmatic activities of UN-Habitat in 2024 and the implementation of UN-Habitat subprogrammes, flagship programmes and technical cooperation activities.
9. Update on the implementation of the resolutions adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly.
10. Implementation by UN-Habitat of the reform of the development system and management of the United Nations.
11. Action by UN-Habitat to strengthen protection against sexual or any other type of exploitation and abuse and against sexual harassment in the workplace.
12. Annual report on action by the Executive Director to update and improve the internal management, policies and procedures of UN-Habitat.
13. Other matters.
14. Closure of the session.

²⁵ See document HSP/HA/1/10, annex II.