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**Briefing on the Sustainable Cities and Communities  
Foundation**

## **The Sustainable Cities and Communities Foundation\*\***

### **Report of the Executive Director**

1. The Sustainable Human Settlements Foundation, (SHSF), currently referred to as the Sustainable Cities and Communities Foundation (SCCF), following an amendment requested by the Executive Board in its decision 2023/4, was established by its co-founders, Mr. Grant Rogan and Ms. Catherine Derrien-Rogan, for charitable purposes on 15 February 2021 to “*support UN-Habitat in its mission to promote a transformative change in cities and human settlements through financial contributions to the non-earmarked United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation.*”
2. In paragraph 2 of decision 2024/5, the Executive Board recalled paragraph 10(e) of decision 2023/4 and requested the Executive Director to provide an update on SCCF to the Executive Board at its first session of each year for the duration of the contribution agreement between SCCF and UN-Habitat. The present document provides a briefing to the Executive Board on SCCF at its first session of the year 2025.
3. Pursuant to paragraph 10(e) of decision 2023/4, the Executive Board authorised the Executive Director to enter into a contribution agreement with SHSF for an initial period of ten (10) years subject to an annual review by the Executive Board and with the guidance of the UN-Habitat Risk Oversight and Advisory Committee (ROAC).
4. In compliance with the above-mentioned decision, UN-Habitat entered into a contribution agreement with SHSF that became effective on 30 November 2023.
5. The contribution agreement provides, *inter alia*, that SCCF shall place at the disposal of UN-Habitat annual contributions equivalent to 2.5% of the per annum yield of SCCF and, commencing the year 2024.
6. On 19 November 2024, SCCF provided UN-Habitat with its “first Annual Report” on its activities. On 27 January 2025, the UN-Habitat ROAC met and reviewed the “annual report” submitted by SCCF and following consultations with the Executive Director, and based on these inputs, made the following findings: (i) The contribution agreement has not made any meaningful progress towards the achievement of its main objective during the reporting period; (ii) SCCF has neither mobilized nor contributed any resources to UN-Habitat in the calendar year 2024, its first year

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of operations as agreed in the contribution agreement; (iii) The contribution agreement between SCCF and UN-Habitat needs a comprehensive review pursuant to paragraph 10(e) of decision 2023/4.

7. UN-Habitat wishes to inform the Executive Board of UN-Habitat's intent to conduct an independent due diligence of SCCF in consultation with United Nations Headquarters (UNHQ).

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