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**First Bureau meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives  
to UN-Habitat for the year 2025**

Monday, 27 January 2025, 10:00am – 12:00pm EAT  
Hybrid Meeting–UN-Habitat OED Boardroom

**MEETING SUMMARY**

**Agenda item 1: Adoption of the provisional Agenda**

1. H.E. Mr. Ibrar Hussain Khan, Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR) opened the meeting at 10:00am EAT.

**The following members of the Bureau of the Committee of Permanent Representatives were present:**

- H.E. Mr. Ibrar Hussain Khan, Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to UN-Habitat, Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives and Rapporteur of the Executive Board.
- H.E. Mr. Pravednyk Andriy, Permanent Representative of Ukraine, Chair of the regional Group of Eastern European States in Nairobi.
- Ms. Cattrysse MachMachteld, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Belgium, Vice-Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.
- Ms. Eliet Magogo, Deputy Permanent Representative of the United Republic of Tanzania, Vice-Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (online).
- Ms. Angelica Gutierrez Galvis, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Colombia to UN-Habitat.
- Mr. Adnan J. Khan, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to UN-Habitat.
- Mr. Oleksandr Demianiuk, Deputy Permanent Representative of Ukraine to UN-Habitat.
- Mr. Isaac Chanzu, First Secretary of the United Republic of Tanzania (online).

**The following UN-Habitat Secretariat members were also present:**

- Mr. Michal Mlynar, Deputy Executive Director.
- Mr. Raf Tuts, Director, Global Solutions Division.
- Mr. Erfan Ali, Chief of Staff / Director a.i. Regional Programme Division.
- Mr. Chris Mensah, Secretary to the Governing Bodies.
- Mr. Ulf Bjornholm, incoming Secretary to the Governing Bodies.
- Mr. Justin Bonongwe, Officer-in-Charge, Management Advisory and Compliance Service and Chief, Finance and Budget
- Ms. Bridget Oballa, External Relations Officer, Secretariat of the Governing Bodies.

2. The Chair welcomed all participants to the meeting. The provisional Agenda was adopted without any changes and can be accessed [here](#).

3. The Chair noted that the Executive Director was away from Nairobi exceptionally due to other official commitments and recognized the online presence of the Deputy Executive Director. The Chair expressed sincere gratitude to the outgoing Secretary to the Governing Bodies, Mr. Chris Mensah for the long-standing service he provided to UN-Habitat and to Member States, and welcomed his successor Mr. Ulf Bjornholm.

### **Agenda item 2: Preparations for the third open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (OECPR) in 2025**

4. The Chair invited the Deputy Executive Director to brief the Bureau on the preparations for the third OECPR in 2025. The statement by the Deputy Executive Director can be accessed [here](#) and the presentation can be accessed [here](#).
5. One Bureau member recalled the agreement that the resumed session of the Assembly should focus on the unfinished business following the adjournment of the second session held in 2023, noting some delegations still wish to exercise their right to table new resolutions. The Bureau member also requested that the Secretariat encourages Member States to consult on upcoming elections, within their respective regional groups.
6. The Secretariat recalled that the recent [notification by the Executive Director](#) on the resumed session of the UN-Habitat Assembly to Member States listed the vacant positions of the bureau of the Assembly, and expressed hope that regional groups will inform the secretariat on the nominations in a timely manner.
7. One Bureau member recalled that the Assembly should focus on unfinished business, in particular to adopt of the draft strategic plan and elect new members and of officers.
8. The Secretariat noted that several Member States had provided self-nominations and recommended that such nominations be coordinated within each regional group and then consolidated and submitted to the Secretariat by the regional group Chairs.
9. The Chair recommended that the members of the Bureau continue caucusing within their regional groups on the election of the CPR Bureau and requested the secretariat to inform the regional chairs and the on the status of preparations.
10. Upon request, the Secretariat clarified that Member State accreditation to the OECPR may be done through a note verbale from the Embassy, and that late registration after the closure of online registration will be possible. The secretariat also confirmed that guidance will be issued to clarify the process for submission of credentials for the resumed session of the Assembly.
11. The Chair requested the secretariat to continue its preparations, and to provide additional timely updates to the Bureau on the status of registration, logistical arrangements and elections.

### **Agenda Item 3: Consideration of the proposed organization of work during the resumed second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly**

12. The Deputy Executive Director briefed the Bureau on the proposed organization of work of the resumed second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly based on the agenda of that session. The statement by the Deputy Executive Director can be accessed [here](#) and the presentation can be accessed [here](#).
13. One Bureau member recalled that national statements were delivered already at the adjourned session of the Assembly in 2023, and suggested that if statements were to be held they should be delivered under the agenda item on the strategic plan.

14. The Bureau requested the Secretariat to take into account the guidance provided, in view of further consultations with the Bureau of the Assembly.

**Agenda Item 4: Any Other Matters**

15. No other matters were raised, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am EAT.