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Ad-hoc working Group on Programmatic, Budgetary and Administrative Matters
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Technical inputs towards the draft outcomes to be considered by the Executive Board at its first session 2025

Draft decision 2025/[A]: Financial, budgetary and administrative matters of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, the Sustainable Cities and Communities Foundation, draft work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2026, and the strategic plan 2026-2029 of UN-Habitat.

The Executive Board

(a) Financial, budgetary and administrative matters of UN-Habitat, including financial status of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and the Sustainable Cities and Communities Foundation

1. *Takes note* of the reports and updates of the Executive Director on:
 - the interim financial status of UN-Habitat as at 31 December 2024¹;
 - the staffing of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme as at 31 December 2024²;
 - recruitment, equitable geographical distribution and gender parity³;
 - the status of the implementation of the recommendations of the report of the Board of Auditors⁴;
 - the Sustainable Cities and Communities Foundation.

¹ HSP/EB.2025/2

² HSP/EB.2025/INF/3

³ HSP/EB.2025/INF/4

⁴ HSP/EB.2025/INF/5

2. *Requests* the Executive Director to continue the efforts to strengthen non-earmarked and earmarked funding in accordance with the resource mobilization strategy, and *invites* all member states in a position to do so to contribute to UN-Habitat's core financial resources, which is indispensable to successfully fulfil its mandate and implement its strategic plan and programme of work to promote socially and environmentally sustainable human settlements, and to organize a successful resumed second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly.

3. *Welcomes* the presentation on the status of the implementation of the recommendations of the report of the Board of Auditors and the efforts undertaken by the Executive Director to implement these recommendations.

4. *Welcomes* the briefing of the Executive Director on the Sustainable Cities and Communities Foundation.

(b) The status of the draft work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and the draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2026.

5. *Requests* the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters to continue its consideration of the non-earmarked budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for the year 2026, and *requests* the Executive Director to finalize the draft annual work programme and budget for 2026 based on feedback from the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, and to present it to the Executive Board at its third session of 2025 for further consideration and possible approval;

(c) Preparation of the next strategic plan for the period 2026–2029.

6. *Takes note* of the report of the Executive Director on the status of development of the strategic plan for UN-Habitat for the period 2026–2029⁵ and of the draft strategic plan for the period 2026–2029⁶.

7. *Decides* to recommend that the draft strategic plan of UN-Habitat for the period 2026-2029, as contained in document HSP/EB.2025/INF/4, is submitted to the resumed second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly for consideration and approval.

Draft decision 2025/[B]: Implementation of the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat

The Executive Board

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

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the briefing and the report by the Executive Director on normative

⁵ HSP/EB.2025/4

⁶ HSP/EB.2025/INF/4

and operational activities of UN-Habitat⁷, including the way forward for enhanced capacity development across UN-Habitat programmes and *requests* the Executive Director to continue to regularly provide status reports and briefings on UN-Habitat's efforts to assist in the reconstruction of human settlements affected by conflict and disaster.

(b) Implementation by UN-Habitat of reforms of the development system and management of the United Nations

2. *Takes note* of the updates by the Secretariat and the related checklist on the implementation of the UN Development System reform in UN-Habitat, and *welcomes* efforts by UN-Habitat to continue contributing to the implementation of the reform of the United Nations Development System.

Draft Decision 2025/C: Update on the implementation of resolutions adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly

The Executive Board

(a) Progress in the implementation of all resolutions adopted by the UN-Habitat Assembly

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Executive Director on the implementation of resolutions adopted by the UN-Habitat Assembly.⁸

2. *Recalls* resolution 2/1 of the UN-Habitat Assembly, *takes note* of the draft international guidelines on people-centred smart cities⁹ and the related report on progress by the Executive Director, and *recommends* that the draft be submitted to the resumed second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly for further consideration and possible adoption.

3. *Recalls* resolution 2/7 of the UN-Habitat Assembly, welcomes the outcome of the first session of the Open-Ended Intergovernmental Expert Working Group on Adequate Housing for All held from 9 to 11 December 2024, and *decides* that, subject to the provision of sufficient additional financial resources, the second session of the Open-Ended Intergovernmental Expert Working Group on Adequate Housing for All will be held for a duration of three days in the third or fourth quarter of 2025.

4. *Recommends* that the provisional agenda for the second session will be prepared by the co-Chairs of the Open-Ended Intergovernmental Expert Working Group on Adequate Housing for All, and shared with all Member States at least six weeks in advance of the meeting.

Draft decision 2025/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

⁷ HSP/EB.2025/6

⁸ HSP/EB.2025/7

⁹ HSP/EB.2025/INF/10

1. *Adopts* the report of the Executive Board of the UN-Habitat on the work of its second session of 2024¹⁰;

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

3. *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 recommends that the draft policy be submitted to the resumed second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly for consideration and possible adoption;

(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 second session of the Executive Board in 2024 to evaluate the effectiveness of that session so as to further improve the process and outcome of future sessions;

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

5. *Decides* that the second session of the Executive Board of 2025 will be held on 30 May 2025 in conjunction with the resumed second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly, in a manner which will not conflict with the proceedings of the session of the Assembly.

6. *Also decides* that the provisional agenda for the second session of 2025 will be as follows:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Election of officers of the Bureau.
3. Other matters.
4. Closure of the session.

7. *Decides* that the third session of 2025 will be held for a duration of 3 days from 25 to 27 November 2025.

8. *Also decides* that the provisional agenda for the third session of 2025, to be further reviewed by the Bureau, and taking into account the outcomes of the upcoming resumed second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly, will be as follows:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Adoption of the agenda and the workplan for the third session of 2025;
 - (b) Adoption of the report of the Executive Board on the work of its first session of 2025;
 - (c) Adoption of the report of the Executive Board on the work of its second session of 2025.
3. Reports by the chairs of the ad hoc working groups established by the Executive Board,
4. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters,
5. Consideration and approval of the draft work programme of UN-Habitat and the draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2026.
6. Implementation of the strategic plan of UN-Habitat
 - (a) Annual report for 2024 on the strategic plan for the period 2020–2025;
 - (b) Results and monitoring framework of the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029;
 - (c) Resource mobilisation strategy for the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029.

¹⁰ HSP/EB.2024/23

7. Normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat, including reporting on the programmatic activities of UN-Habitat and the implementation of subprogrammes, flagship programmes and technical cooperation activities and the engagement of UN-Habitat in countries, territories and areas affected by conflict and disaster.
8. Preparations for the thirteenth session of the World Urban Forum.
9. Preparations for the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the midterm review of the implementation of the New Urban Agenda to be held in 2026.
10. Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services to the Executive Board.
11. Report of the Ethics Office to the Executive Board.
12. Consideration and adoption of the outcomes of the session, including on the dates and provisional agenda for the first session of 2026.
13. Other matters.
14. Closure of the session.