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Consideration and adoption of the outcomes of the session, including the provisional agenda for the second session of 2025.

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

* HSP/EB.2025/1.

¹ HSP/EB.2025/2

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; and,
- the Sustainable Cities and Communities Foundation⁵.

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. *Takes note* of 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. *Takes note* of the intent to conduct an independent due diligence of the Sustainable Cities and Communities Foundation, in consultation with the United Nations Secretariat in New York and requests to present the results of this due diligence to the Executive Board as soon as possible.

5. *Recalls* paragraph 2 of Decision 2024/5 of the Executive Board requesting the Executive Director to provide an update to the Executive Board at its first session of each year on the SCCF, for the duration of the agreement with the foundation, and *invites* the relevant accredited stakeholders to attend these briefings.

(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.

6. *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

² HSP/EB.2025/INF/3

³ HSP/EB.2025/INF/4

⁴ HSP/EB.2025/INF/5

⁵ HSP/EB.2025/5

2025 for further consideration and possible approval.

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

7. *Takes note* of the report of the Executive Director on the status of development of the strategic plan for UN-Habitat for the period 2026–2029⁶ and of the draft strategic plan for the period 2026–2029⁷.

8. *Requests* the Executive Director to present to the Executive Board, at its third session of 2025, any updates on the structure and human resources of UN-Habitat, in particular regarding posts funded by the UN regular budget and the foundation non-earmarked fund.

9. *Further requests* the Executive Director to present to the Executive Board, at its third session of 2025, the division of responsibilities within the organization for the implementation of the Strategic Plan 2026-2029.

10. *Further requests* the Executive Director to present to the Executive Board, at its third session of 2025, an updated draft version of the scalability model for the non-earmarked budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements foundation.

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* of the briefing and the report by the Executive Director on normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat⁸, including the way forward for enhanced capacity development, subject to the availability of resources, 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.

⁶ HSP/EB.2025/4

⁷ HSP/EB.2025/INF/7

⁸ HSP/EB.2025/6

(b) Implementation by UN-Habitat of reform 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 *takes note of efforts* by UN-Habitat to continue contributing to the implementation of the repositioning of the United Nations Development System and the quadrennial comprehensive policy review 2024.

3. *Reaffirms* the strong commitment to the UN Development System repositioning, and encourages UN-Habitat to continue to work with other UN development system entities at country level under the leadership of resident coordinators and in collaboration with the relevant stakeholders to support country-level development efforts towards sustainable human settlements, including through the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework.

4. *Calls upon* UN-Habitat to take further steps to align its country programmes with the Cooperation Frameworks, and to strengthen monitoring and reporting on how its entity-specific activities contribute to collective UN country team results, in line with national priorities and needs.

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

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Executive Director on the implementation of resolutions adopted by the UN-Habitat Assembly⁹.

2. *Recalls* resolution 2/1 of the UN-Habitat Assembly, *takes note* of the draft international guidelines on people-centred smart cities¹⁰ and the related report on progress by the Executive Director.

3. *Recalls* resolution 2/7 of the UN-Habitat Assembly, *takes note of* 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, commends the work carried out by the chairperson, 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 two or three days in the fourth quarter of 2025.

⁹ HSP/EB.2025/7

¹⁰ HSP/EB.2025/INF/10

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, in consultation with the Executive Board, 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

1. *Adopts* the report of the Executive Board of the UN-Habitat on the work of its second session of 2024¹¹.

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, and commends his work.

3. *Takes note* of the briefing by the chair of the ad hoc working group on the development of a stakeholder engagement policy, and decides to request the ad hoc working group, on an exceptional basis, to continue its work to develop a stakeholder engagement policy to be agreed by consensus by the Executive Board for its possible submission and consideration by the Assembly at its resumed second session.

(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 sessions¹².

5. *Decides*, taking into account internal consultations and information provided by the Secretariat on legal and practical considerations pertaining to implementation of Rule 9 (3) of its rules of procedure, that any decision on the rotation of the office of Chair and Rapporteur shall be taken at the first regular session of the Executive Board each year.

¹¹ HSP/EB.2024/23

¹² HSP/EB.2025/INF/12

6. *Requests* the Bureau of the Executive Board to review the time duration for interventions of Member States during the Executive Board sessions, and the chair to present a recommendation at the beginning of each session for consideration by the Executive Board.

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

7. *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.

8. *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. Consideration and approval of the provisional agenda for the third session of 2025.
4. Other matters.
5. Closure of the session.

9. *Decides* that the third session of 2025 will be held for a duration of 2 days from 25 to 26 November 2025.