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Item 2 (a) of the provisional agenda  
Organizational matters**

**Update on the work of the Bureau of the Executive Board towards  
preparations of the 2025 first session.**

1. The second session of the Executive Board for the year 2024 was held from 4 to 6 December 2024. At that session, the Executive Board decided that the 2025 first session of the Executive Board would be held for a duration of three days at a date to be decided on by the Bureau of the Executive Board. The Bureau, at its meeting held on 17 December 2024, recommended that the first session of Executive Board be held for three days from 25 to 27 March 2025.

2. In the intersessional period, the Bureau of the Executive Board met on 17 December 2024, 31 January 2025, 6 March 2025, and 24 March 2025 in preparations for the first session of the Executive Board for the year 2025. During these meetings, the Bureau recommended the following:

- i. That the programme of work for the first session of the Executive Board 2025 scheduled from 25 to 27 March 2025 will take into account the needs for those delegations who observe the holy period of Ramadan.
- ii. That the Executive Board adopts a slightly revised draft provisional agenda for the session, as made available [here](#).
- iii. That the Executive Board adopts the proposed organization of work for the session, as made available [here](#).
- iv. That sufficient time be allocated for informal consultations prior to the Executive Board to finalize draft decisions to be considered by the session.
- v. That the second session of the Executive Board for 2025 takes place during the resumed second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly on 30 May 2025, for the purpose of electing officers to the next Bureau of the Executive Board.

5. The Bureau also met with the Chairs of the five regional groups in Nairobi on 19 February 2025 and recommended the following:

- i. That the next rotation of the offices of Chair and Rapporteur of the Bureau of the Executive Board take place at the end of the up-coming first session of the Executive Board in March 2025.

- ii. That any future decisions on the rotation of the Offices of Chair and Rapporteur of the Executive Board shall be taken at the end of the first regular session of the Executive Board each year.
6. The Bureau also recommended that the third session of the Executive Board for the year 2025 be held for a duration of 2 days from 25 to 26 November 2025.
7. Detailed summaries of discussions reflecting the outcomes of the meetings of the Bureau of the Executive Board is made available online through the following link <https://unhabitat.org/governance/executive-board>.

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