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**Committee of Permanent Representatives
to the United Nations Human Settlements Programme
Third open-ended meeting: preparations for the resumed
second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly
and midterm review**

Nairobi, 26–28 May 2025

Item 1 (b) of the provisional agenda*

**Opening of the meeting: adoption of the agenda and the
workplan of the third open-ended meeting of the Committee
of Permanent Representatives**

Annotated provisional agenda

Item 1

Opening of the meeting

1. In resolution [73/239](#), the General Assembly decided to dissolve the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) and replace it with the United Nations Habitat Assembly of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat Assembly). It also decided that the first session of the UN-Habitat Assembly would be held in May 2019.
2. In accordance with resolution 73/239, the first session of the UN-Habitat Assembly was held in Nairobi from 27 to 31 May 2019. At that session, by decision 1/1, the Assembly adopted its rules of procedure,¹ which are applicable mutatis mutandis to the Committee of Permanent Representatives to UN-Habitat in the absence of the latter's own rules of procedure.
3. In accordance with rule 23 of the rules of procedure of the UN-Habitat Assembly, the Committee of Permanent Representatives is to convene, in an open-ended manner, twice every four years: once prior to the Assembly, in preparation for that session, and once for a high-level midterm review. Accordingly, the Committee held its second open-ended meeting at the headquarters of UN-Habitat in Nairobi from 29 to 31 May and on 2 June 2023, in preparation for the adjourned second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly, held in Nairobi from 5 to 9 June 2023. The report of the Committee on the work of its second open-ended meeting is set out in document [HSP/OECPR.2023/2](#).
4. The Bureau of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, at its meeting on 2 September 2024, recommended that the third open-ended meeting of the Committee serve as a preparatory meeting for the resumed second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly and be held at the headquarters of UN-Habitat in Nairobi from 26 to 28 May 2025. The Bureau further recommended that the meeting should feature important elements of a high-level midterm review, as part of the efforts to align the planning cycle of UN-Habitat with the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system.

* HSP/OECPR.2025/1.

¹ HSP/HA.1/HLS.2, annex.

5. The provisional agenda for the third open-ended meeting, as endorsed by the Bureau at its meeting on 2 September 2024, is set out in document HSP/OECPR.2025/1.

6. Under this item, the Chair will declare the third open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives open and outline the protocols for the session.

Action: Opening of the session by the Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.

(a) Organizational matters

7. Under this sub-item, the Chair will suggest that the Committee work for approximately six hours per day, from 9 a.m. to noon and from 2 to 5 p.m., with interpretation in the six official languages of the United Nations.

Action: Briefing on organizational matters, including those related to interpretation services.

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda (HSP/OECPR.2025/1/Add.1)

(b) Adoption of the agenda and the workplan for the third open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives

8. Under this sub-item, the Committee will consider and adopt its agenda for the meeting, which is set out in document HSP/OECPR.2025/1. The Committee will also decide on the organization of its work for the meeting. The proposed organization of work and timetable, as recommended by the Bureau, are set out in the notification by the Executive Director.

Action: Adoption of the agenda and the workplan for the third open-ended meeting of the Committee.

Documentation

Provisional agenda (HSP/OECPR.2025/1)

Annotated provisional agenda (HSP/OECPR.2025/1/Add.1)

List of documents for the third open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (HSP/OECPR.2025/INF/1)

Rules of procedure of the United Nations Habitat Assembly (HSP/HA.1/HLS.2, annex)

Item 2

Adoption of the report of the Committee of Permanent Representatives on the work of its second open-ended meeting

9. Under this item, and based on the recommendation of the Rapporteur, the Committee will be invited to adopt the report on the work of its second open-ended meeting, held from 29 to 31 May and on 2 June 2023. The report of that meeting is set out in document [HSP/OECPR.2023/2](#).

Action: Adoption of the report of the Committee of Permanent Representatives on the work of its second open-ended meeting.

Documentation

Report of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Human Settlements Programme on the work of its second open-ended meeting (HSP/OECPR.2023/2)

Summary by the Chair of the second open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (HSP/OECPR.2023/3)

Item 3

Progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, including a briefing on the preparation of the quadrennial report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda

10. Under this item and pursuant to rule 2 (g) of the rules of procedure of the UN-Habitat Assembly, the Executive Director will present to the Committee an update on progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and an interim review of the work under way to prepare the third edition of the quadrennial report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, which is to be submitted to the General Assembly in 2026. The work is being conducted in accordance with the role of UN-Habitat as a focal point for sustainable urbanization and

human settlements, in collaboration with other United Nations system entities, for the implementation and monitoring of the New Urban Agenda, as endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 71/256.

Action: Update by the Executive Director on progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the preparation of the quadrennial report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, followed by discussion. The Committee may wish to take note of the update by the Executive Director and formulate further recommendations for follow-up action.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda: briefing on the preparation of the quadrennial report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda (HSP/OECPR.2025/2)

Item 4

Report of the twelfth session of the World Urban Forum and preparations for the thirteenth session of the Forum

11. Under this item, the Executive Director will brief the Committee on the outcomes of the twelfth session of the World Urban Forum, held in Cairo in November 2024, and on the status of preparations for the thirteenth session, to be held in Baku in 2026.

Action: Briefing by the Executive Director on the outcomes of the twelfth session of the World Urban Forum and on the status of preparations for the thirteenth session. The Committee may wish to take note of the briefing and of the relevant documentation and formulate further recommendations for follow-up action.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on the twelfth session of the World Urban Forum and preparations for the thirteenth session (HSP/OECPR.2025/3)

Item 5

Progress in the implementation of the decisions and resolutions adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly at its adjourned second session

12. Under this item, the Executive Director will provide a briefing on the status of implementation of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the UN-Habitat Assembly at its first session and its adjourned second session.

Action: Briefing by the Executive Director and discussion. The Committee may wish to take note of the briefing by the Executive Director and of the relevant documentation and provide further recommendations for follow-up action.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on the implementation of United Nations Habitat Assembly resolutions through the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029 (HSP/OECPR.2025/4)

Item 6

Strategic plan of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme

(a) Implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2025, including its midterm review

13. In accordance with rule 2 (f) of the rules of procedure of the UN-Habitat Assembly, the Assembly, at its first session, adopted resolution 1/1 on the UN-Habitat strategic plan for the period 2020–2023. In decision 2/1, adopted at its adjourned second session, the Assembly decided to extend the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023 until 2025 to cover the period 2020–2025, in order to align the planning cycle of UN-Habitat with the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system.

14. Accordingly, the Committee will be briefed on the progress made in the implementation of the strategic plan of UN-Habitat for the period 2020–2025, taking into account the midterm evaluation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2025 conducted by the Office of Internal and Oversight Services.²

(b) Status of preparation of the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029 by the Executive Board

15. Pursuant to rule 2 (f) of the rules of procedure, one of the functions of the UN-Habitat Assembly is to examine and approve the UN-Habitat strategic plan, to be prepared by the Executive Board.

16. In decision 2/1, adopted at its adjourned second session, the UN-Habitat Assembly requested the Executive Director, in consultation with the Executive Board, to start preparations for the development of the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029.

17. Under this sub-item, the Committee will be informed of decision 2025/1 of the Executive Board and specifically paragraph 7, in which the Executive Board took note of the draft strategic plan for the period 2026–2029.

Action: Update by the Executive Director on progress in the implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2025, followed by discussion.

Action: Update by the Executive Director on the preparation of the draft strategic plan for the period 2026–2029, followed by discussion.

The Committee may wish to take note of the update by the Executive Director, including lessons learned and knowledge gained, and of the relevant documentation, and formulate further recommendations for follow-up action, including recommending the draft resolution approving the draft strategic plan for the period 2026–2029 to the UN-Habitat Assembly.

Documentation

Resolution 1/1 on the United Nations Human Settlements Programme strategic plan for the period 2020–2023 (HSP/HA.1/Res.1)

Strategic plan of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for the period 2020–2025 (HSP/HA.1/7)

Report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2025 (HSP/OECPR.2025/5)

Report of the Executive Director on the draft strategic plan of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for the period 2026–2029 (HSP/HA.2/13)

Item 7

Review of the status of preparations for the resumed second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly

18. Under this item, the Executive Director will provide a briefing on the status of preparations for the resumed second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly, to be held at the headquarters of UN-Habitat in Nairobi on 29 and 30 May 2025. The briefing will cover the status of preparations in terms of, among other things, pre-session documents, registration, credentials, draft outcomes and regional consultations.

Action: Briefing by the Executive Director and discussion. The Committee may wish to take note of the briefing by the Executive Director and of the relevant documentation and provide further recommendations for follow-up action.

Documentation

Note by the secretariat on the status of preparations for the resumed second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly (HSP/OECPR.2025/INF/2)

² Available at https://unhabitat.org/sites/default/files/2024/04/hsp-eb-2024-4_oios_evaluation_of_un-habitat_strategic_plan_final_report_8april2024.pdf.

Item 8**Preparation of draft outcomes of the resumed second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly, including the dates and provisional agenda of the third session**

19. Under this item, the Committee will be invited to review and discuss draft outcomes of the resumed second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly submitted by Member States and recommended by the Bureau following informal consultations by Member States under the leadership of the Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives prior to the third open-ended meeting of the Committee. The draft outcomes will include the proposed dates and provisional agenda for the fourth open-ended meeting of the Committee. The Committee will consider, prepare and recommend draft outcomes for consideration by the UN-Habitat Assembly at its resumed second session.

Action: Consultations and negotiations on, and recommendation of, outcomes for consideration by the UN-Habitat Assembly at its resumed second session.

Documentation

Draft outcomes recommended by the Bureau for discussion by the Committee of Permanent Representatives (in-session documents)

Item 9**Election of the officers of the Bureau**

20. Under this item, pursuant to rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the UN-Habitat Assembly, the Committee of Permanent Representatives will elect, at the final plenary of the meeting, its Bureau, comprising a chair, three vice-chairs and a rapporteur, taking into consideration the need to ensure equitable geographical representation. The two-year term of office of the new Bureau will start at the end of the meeting.

21. The Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives will lead the process of electing the new Bureau for the period 2025–2027.

22. The composition of the Bureau of the Committee of Permanent Representatives for the period 2025–2027 is expected to be as follows:

Chair:	Western European and other States
Vice-Chairs:	Latin American and Caribbean States
	Eastern European States
	Asia-Pacific States
Rapporteur:	African States

Action: Election of the officers of the Bureau of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (procedural action).

Documentation

Rules of procedure of the United Nations Habitat Assembly (HSP/HA.1/HLS.2, annex)

Item 10**Consideration of the Chair's draft summary of the third open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives**

23. Under this item, the Committee will be invited to consider the Chair's draft summary of the meeting.

Action: Adoption of the Chair's summary of the meeting.

Documentation

Chair's draft summary of the third open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (in-session document)

Item 11

Other matters

24. Under this item, the Committee will consider any matters that, although not falling under any particular agenda item, are thought to warrant its attention.

Item 12

Closure of the meeting

25. It is expected that the Committee of Permanent Representatives will conclude the work of its third open-ended meeting by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, 28 May 2025.
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