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Informal Consultations convened by the Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to UN-Habitat

Monday, 14 April 2025, 9.00-12.00 and 13.00-16.00 EAT
Conference Room 4 at UNON

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 agenda was adopted without any changes and can be accessed [here](#).

Agenda item 2: Preparations for the third open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (OECPR-3)

a) Agenda and structure of OECPR-3, as recommended by the CPR Bureau

2. The Secretariat provided a briefing on the [agenda](#) and [structure](#) of OECPR-3, to be held from 26 to 28 May 2025, as recommended by the Bureau of the CPR.
3. Member States sought clarification on whether it is mandate to consider item 3 “Progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda” and item 5 “Progress in the implementation of the decisions and resolutions adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly at its adjourned second session”, and also enquired on the necessity to consider item 6 (b) “Status of preparation of the Strategic Plan for the period 2026–2029 by the Executive Board” as it will be consulted under one of the draft outcomes thus may be duplication of work.
4. The Secretariat explained that the agenda was reviewed and recommended by the Bureau, and that it reflects its double mandate of 1) preparing the outcomes of the resumed second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly, and 2) undertaking a midterm review of UN-Habitat’s work. The secretariat further confirmed that any duplication of consideration of agenda items, for example in terms of the background documentation, will be avoided.

b) Expected outcomes of OECPR-3

c) Proposed process and roadmap for informal consultations under the CPR in preparation for OECPR-3

5. The Chair recalled that at the second meeting of the Bureau of the Assembly including the Bureau of the CPR, held on 9 April, 4 expected outcomes of the resumed session of the Assembly were identified to be further considered and prepared through the CPR, namely:
 - Draft decision or resolution on the adoption of UN-Habitat strategic plan for the period 2026-2029
 - Draft decision or resolution on the adoption of a stakeholder engagement policy (subject to agreement by the Executive Board by consensus).

- Draft decision or resolution on the adoption of international guidelines on people-centred smart cities.
 - Draft decision the dates of the third session of the UN-Habitat Assembly.
6. The Chair announced that he will work with the secretariat to present initial draft decisions / resolutions on each of these outcomes as soon as possible, as a basis for the upcoming consultations including one on 28 April and one or two possible additional informal consultation meetings in May, if needed.
 7. The Chair also announced that he had invited H.E. Mr. Pedro Leon Cortes Ruiz, Ambassador of Colombia and Vice-Chair of the Bureau of CPR, to lead the upcoming informal consultations on the draft Strategic plan, international guidelines on people-centered smart cities and the dates and agenda of the third UN-Habitat Assembly.
 8. The Chair further announced that in line with the outcome from the 2025 first session of the Executive Board, he had invited Mr. António Miguel, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Portugal to UN-Habitat, to continue to consult informally on the draft stakeholder engagement policy under the format of the Friends of the Chair.
 9. Member States reiterated remaining concerns regarding the draft strategic plan 2026-2029 and the draft international guidelines on people-centered smart cities and called for additional consultations to address these concerns during the week of 12 May, if needed.
 10. The secretariat took note of Member States' positions and proposals and announced that they will be compiled comprehensively and reflected in the background document for the next meeting on 28 April as a basis for the consultations.
 11. The Chair confirmed that he will work with the secretariat to table draft decisions on the four expected outcomes as soon as possible, for consideration at the next meeting on 28 April 2025, noting that the consultations on the draft Stakeholder Engagement Policy were still ongoing under the Friends of the Chair.

d) Secretariat briefing on upcoming elections for the CPR and other UN-Habitat Governing Bodies

12. The Secretariat provided a brief update on the status of nominations received on the elections for the CPR and other Governing Bodies.
13. The Chair invited Member States to continue the consultations within their respective regional groups, with the aim of sharing the outcome of these consultations with the secretariat and with all Member States by 2 May 2025, to facilitate smooth elections at the upcoming OECPR and Assembly sessions.

Agenda Item 4: Any Other Matters

14. No other matters were raised. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am EAT.