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

Monday, 28 April 2025, 11.00-13.00 and 14.00-17.00 EAT
Conference Room 4 at UNON

MEETING SUMMARY

Agenda item 1: Adoption of the provisional Agenda

1. H.E. Dr. Pedro Leon Cortes Ruiz, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Colombia to UN-Habitat and Vice-Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR) on behalf of H.E. Mr. Ibrar Hussain Khan, Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and Chair of the CPR opened the meeting at 11:00am EAT. The agenda was adopted without any changes and can be accessed [here](#).

Agenda item 2: Consideration of outstanding issues for the strategic plan and the guidelines on people-centred smart cities.

a) Consideration of outstanding issues for the draft strategic plan for the period 2026-2029.

2. Member States shared their views on the summary prepared by the Secretariat on Member States' positions on the draft strategic plan 2026-2029, reiterated positions and provided further clarification and additional inputs.
3. One Member State speaking on behalf a regional group reiterated earlier positions and announced that the group reserves the right to make additional proposals after a meeting of the group to be held in the first week of May.
4. One Member State enquired if there would be a provision or separate schedule for informal consultations and/or negotiations during OECPR-3 and the UN-Habitat Assembly. The secretariat confirmed that such provisions will be provided if needed, in consultation with the Bureau of the CPR and of the Assembly.
5. The Chair invited Member States who have not already done so to share concrete text proposals in writing relating to remaining concerns to the secretariat by Wednesday 30 April 2025 close of business and requested the secretariat to compile and share these proposals as a background document for the next informal consultation scheduled for 12 May 2025.

b) Consideration of outstanding issues for the draft international guidelines on people-centred smart cities.

6. Member States shared their views on the summary circulated by the secretariat on outstanding issues relating to the draft guidelines, reiterated positions and provided further clarification and additional inputs.
7. The Chair invited Member States who have not already done so to share concrete text proposals in writing relating to remaining concerns to the secretariat by Wednesday 30 April 2025 close of

business and requested the secretariat to compile and share these proposals as a background document for the next informal consultation scheduled for 12 May 2025.

8. The Chair also requested the Secretariat to reflect all proposals relating to specific paragraphs in the draft guidelines in a working document, as a basis for the next consultation scheduled for 12 May.
9. Some Member States emphasized that the document should not be open to line-by-line negotiations.

Agenda item 3: Update on the informal consultation on a draft Stakeholder Engagement Policy.

10. Mr. Antonio Miguel, Deputy Representative of the Republic of Portugal, in his capacity as Chair of the ad hoc working group on the development of a Stakeholder Engagement Policy, provided an update on the progress made so far under the format of the “Friends of the Chair”, noting that almost all paragraphs were agreed upon and that only two issues now remain unresolved and expressing hope that consensus will be reached for possible approval by the Assembly. The next meeting of the Friends of the Chair is expected to be held in the week of 12 May.
11. The Chair and several Member States thanked Mr. Miguel for his continued effort towards an agreement on the draft Stakeholder Engagement policy and reiterated their commitment to support the process towards consensus.

Agenda item 4: Consideration of draft decisions for the resumed second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly.

12. The meeting conducted a first reading of the draft decision on the approval of the strategic plan for the period 2026-2029.
13. The Chair requested the secretariat to prepare a revised draft decision on the approval of the strategic plan, taking into account the comments made at the meeting, for further consideration at the next informal meeting of the CPR scheduled for 12 May 2025.

Agenda Item 5: Any Other Matters

14. No other matters were raised. The meeting was adjourned at 17:00 hours EAT.