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**Committee of Permanent Representatives
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Third open-ended meeting: preparations for the resumed
second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly
and midterm review
Nairobi, 26–28 May 2025**

Draft report of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Human Settlements Programme on the work of its third open-ended meeting

I. Opening of the meeting

1. The Bureau of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), guided by rule 23 of the rules of procedure of the United Nations Habitat Assembly (UN-Habitat Assembly), recommended, at its meeting on 2 September 2024, that the third open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives be held at the headquarters of UN-Habitat in Nairobi, from 26 to 28 May 2025, to prepare for the resumed second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly.
2. Accordingly, the third open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives was opened at 9.20 a.m. on Monday, 26 May 2025 by the Chair of the Committee, Ibrar Hussain Khan, Permanent Representative of Pakistan to UN-Habitat, who delivered an opening statement.
3. The Executive Director of UN-Habitat, Anacláudia Rossbach, also delivered an opening statement.

A. Organizational matters

4. The Chair presented a summary of the organizational arrangements for the meeting.
5. A statement was made by the representative of Brazil.

B. Adoption of the agenda and the workplan of the third open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives

6. The Committee of Permanent Representatives adopted the agenda for its second open-ended meeting on the basis of the provisional agenda (HSP/OECPR.2025/1) and the annotated provisional agenda (HSP/OECPR.2025/1/Add.1), as follows:
 1. Opening of the meeting:
 - (a) Organizational matters;
 - (b) Adoption of the agenda and the workplan of the third open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.
 2. Adoption of the report of the Committee of Permanent Representatives on the work of its second open-ended meeting.

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.
4. Report of the twelfth session of the World Urban Forum and preparations for the thirteenth session of the Forum.
5. Progress in the implementation of the decisions and resolutions adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly at its adjourned second session.
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;
 - (b) Status of preparation of the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029 by the Executive Board.
7. Review of the status of preparations for the resumed second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly.
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.
9. Election of the officers of the Bureau.
10. Consideration of the Chair's draft summary of the third open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.
11. Other matters.
12. Closure of the meeting.

C. Attendance

7. The meeting was attended by representatives of the following Member States: [--]
8. The meeting was also attended by representatives of the following observers: [--]
9. The meeting was attended by representatives of the following intergovernmental organizations: [--]

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

10. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the report of the Committee of Permanent Representatives on the work of its second open-ended meeting (HSP/OECPR.2023/2).
11. Representatives of the following Member States proposed amendments to the report: Egypt, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Morocco, Philippines.
12. The Chair confirmed that the secretariat would make the necessary amendments and issue a revised version of the report.
13. The Committee adopted the report, as orally amended.
14. Following the adoption of the report, regional statements were made by the representatives of Egypt, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China; the European Union, on behalf of its member States; Mozambique, on behalf of the Group of African States; and the State of Palestine, speaking first on behalf of the Group of Asia-Pacific States and subsequently on behalf of the Group of Arab States.
15. Further statements were made by the representatives of Algeria, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ethiopia, Egypt, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Mexico, Peru and the United Republic of Tanzania.

III. 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

16. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the report of the Executive Director entitled “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).
17. The Executive Director and a representative of the secretariat provided briefings on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda.
18. Following the briefings, statements were made by the representatives of Angola, Brazil, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, the Gambia, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Malaysia, Malawi, Mexico, Morocco and the United Republic of Tanzania. A statement was also made by a representative of the children and youth major group.
19. The Committee took note of the briefings provided by the Executive Director and the representative of the secretariat.
20. The Chair recalled rule 43, on the right of reply, of the rules of procedure of the UN-Habitat Assembly, which applied to the work of the Committee. Accordingly, the Committee decided that the right of reply should only be exercised at the end of each plenary session and should be relevant to the agenda item or items under consideration in that session; that, during the consideration of each agenda item, delegations would be limited to two interventions in exercise of the right of reply, the first of which was not to exceed five minutes in duration, while the second was not to exceed three minutes; and that any such statements should be made by representatives from their seats.
21. The representative of the United States of America spoke in exercise of the right of reply.

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

22. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the report of the Executive Director on the twelfth session of the World Urban Forum and preparations for the thirteenth session (HSP/OECPR.2025/3).
23. The Executive Director presented the report to the Committee and a representative of the secretariat gave a presentation on the highlights and key achievements of the twelfth session, held in Cairo in November 2024, and on progress in the preparations for the thirteenth session, to be held in Baku in May 2026.
24. Following the presentation, statements were made by the representatives of Angola, Azerbaijan, Brazil, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Egypt, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kenya, the State of Palestine and Uganda.
25. The Executive Director and the representative of the secretariat responded to the statements made and questions raised.
26. The Committee took note of document HSP/OECPR.2025/3.

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

27. The Chair invited the Executive Director to brief the Committee on progress in the implementation of the decisions and resolutions adopted by the Assembly at its adjourned second session, and drew attention to the 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).
28. A representative of the secretariat gave a presentation on the implementation of the decisions and resolutions and highlighted specific examples of achievements in that regard.

29. Following the briefing and presentation, statements were made by the representatives of Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Malawi, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Portugal, the State of Palestine, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania.
30. The Executive Director, the Deputy Executive Director, Michal Mlynár, and representatives of the secretariat responded to the comments and questions.
31. The Committee took note of the briefing by the Executive Director.

VI. Strategic plan of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme

32. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the United Nations Human Settlements Programme strategic plan for the period 2020–2025 (see HSP/HA.1/Res.1 and HSP/HA.1/7) and the report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2025 (HSP/OECPR.2025/5).

A. Implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2025, including its midterm review

33. The Executive Director delivered a briefing on the implementation of the UN-Habitat strategic plan for the period 2020–2025, and a representative of the secretariat gave a presentation on progress made and the most significant results achieved in the implementation of the strategic plan.
34. Following the briefing and presentation, statements were made by the representatives of Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Germany, Kenya and Morocco.
35. The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement in exercise of the right of reply.
36. The Executive Director responded to the statements and comments.
37. The Committee took note of the briefing provided by the Executive Director and of document HSP/OECPR.2025/5.

B. Status of preparation of the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029 by the Executive Board

38. Introducing the sub-item, the Chair drew attention to the report of the Executive Director on the draft strategic plan of UN-Habitat for the period 2026–2029 (HSP/HA.2/13).
39. The Executive Director provided a briefing on the status of preparation of the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029.
40. Following the briefing, statements were made by the representatives of Angola, Barbados, Botswana, Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Germany, Indonesia, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), Malawi, Malaysia, Mexico, Mozambique, Nigeria, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, the State of Palestine, Sweden, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).
41. A representative speaking on behalf of local authorities also made a statement.
42. The Executive Director responded to the statements made.
43. The Committee took note of the briefing provided by the Executive Director and of document HSP/HA.2/13.

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

44. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the note by the secretariat on the status of preparations for the resumed second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly (HSP/OECPR.2025/INF/2).
45. The Executive Director provided a briefing on the item and the Deputy Executive Director gave a presentation on the status of preparations for the resumed second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly.
46. Following the briefing and presentation, a statement was made by the representative of Kenya.

47. The Committee took note of the briefing provided by the Executive Director and of document HSP/OECPR.2025/INF/2.

VIII. 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

48. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to three conference room papers containing the draft outcomes identified by the Bureau for the resumed second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly, namely, the draft decision on the UN-Habitat strategic plan for the period 2026–2029; the draft decision on the approval of the international guidelines on people-centred smart cities; and the draft decision on the dates and provisional agenda of the third session of the UN-Habitat Assembly. He invited the Vice-Chair leading the informal consultations to report on progress made in the consultations on the draft decisions and recommendations of the Committee.

49. The Vice-Chair provided an update on the status of the consultations on each draft document.

50. Following the report, statements were made by the representatives of Chile, Costa Rica, Egypt and Portugal.

51. A representative of the secretariat made a statement in response to a question raised by a Member State.

52. [to be completed]

IX. Election of the officers of the Bureau

53. [to be completed]

X. Consideration of the Chair's draft summary of the third open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives

54. [to be completed]

XI. Other matters

55. [to be completed]

XII. Closure of the meeting

56. [to be completed]
