



**2025 third Meeting of the Bureau of the United Nations Habitat Assembly
(UN-Habitat Assembly)**

Hybrid format – Wednesday, 7 May 2025
10:00-12:00 East Africa Time (EAT)

Talking points for H.E. Mr. Pedro Leon Cortes Ruiz, Ambassador of Colombia and Vice-Chair of the CPR

Under agenda item 3

- Good morning. Following my appointment by the Chair of the CPR, ambassador Khan, I am pleased to give a short briefing on the outcomes of the informal CPR consultations that took place on Monday, 28 April 2025.
- At the meeting, Member States reviewed the summaries of Member States positions on the draft strategic plan for the period 2026-2029 and on the draft international guidelines on people-centred smart cities, as prepared by the secretariat.
- The summaries were well received, and several Member States provides additional guidance and more detail regarding their proposals and positions. Many also indicated flexibility and willingness to bridge remaining gaps. Nevertheless, more time will be needed to achieve consensus on several points, including with regard to some references relating to human rights, gender, and SDGs.
- At the end of the meeting, I invited Member States who have not already done so to share concrete text proposals in writing relating to remaining concerns to the secretariat by 30 April 2025, and requested the secretariat to compile and share these proposals as a background document for the next informal consultation scheduled for 12 May. The documents were shared on 2 May.
- Member States agreed that concrete text proposals will help them to identify possible compromises to reach agreement, but many also underlined that the draft strategic plan should not be subject to line-by-line negotiations.
- The meeting also conducted a first reading of the draft decision on the approval of the strategic plan 2026-2029, although time was insufficient to address the other two draft decisions. At the next meeting on 12 May 2025, we will initiate a first reading on all the draft and a second reading on the decision on the strategic plan.

- At the next meeting, I also plan to request the secretariat to draft technical inputs as a basis for possible recommendations to be adopted by the OECPR regarding the Mid-Term Review of the implementation of the UN Habitat strategic plan for the period 2020-2025, as foreseen in the agenda. I trust that this will meet with the support of Member States.
- If needed, we will also call for an additional consultation meeting to take place on 14 May. This will be the last opportunity to seek informal agreement on the outstanding issues, before the OECPR itself.
- Distinguished Bureau members, we have a busy schedule ahead of us. I count on your continued support in moving forward towards finding consensus on all the outstanding issues, for final consideration and adoption at the assembly.