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Introduction

1. The Executive Board of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) was established in accordance with General Assembly resolution 73/239 of 20 December 2018, on the implementation of the outcomes of the United Nations Conferences on Human Settlements and on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development and strengthening of UN-Habitat.
2. The Executive Board held its second session of 2024 from 4 to 6 December 2024. At that session, in its decision 2024/8, on methods of work of the Executive Board and the workplan of the Executive Board for 2025, the Executive Board agreed that its first session of 2025 would be held for a duration of three days at a date to be decided on by the Bureau with agreement by the respective regional groups.
3. Accordingly, the first session of 2025 was held at the headquarters of UN-Habitat in Nairobi from 25 to 27 March 2025.

I. Opening of the session

4. The first session of 2025 of the Executive Board of UN-Habitat was opened at 9.20 a.m. on Tuesday, 25 March 2025, by the Chair of the session, Shuaibu Belgore (Nigeria), on behalf of Ahmed Musa Dangiwa (Nigeria), Chair of the Executive Board. Mr. Belgore outlined the arrangements for the session on the basis of recommendations made by the Bureau of the Executive Board. The session was being held fully in person, with restricted online access without interpretation for authorized delegations and relevant officers. Simultaneous interpretation into the six official languages of the United Nations would be available for six hours daily during the session for participants attending in person. Ibrar Hussain Khan (Pakistan) acted as Rapporteur for the session.
5. Opening statements were delivered by Zainab Hawa Bangura, Director-General of the United Nations Office at Nairobi; Anacláudia Marinheiro Centeno Rosbach, Executive Director of UN-Habitat; and Alice Wahome, Cabinet Secretary for Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development, Kenya.

II. Organizational matters

A. Adoption of the agenda and the workplan for the first session of 2025

6. At its 1st plenary meeting, the Executive Board adopted the following agenda for its first session of 2025 on the basis of the provisional agenda (HSP/EB.2025/1) and the annotated provisional agenda (HSP/EB.2025/1/Add.1):

1. Opening of the session.
2. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Adoption of the agenda and the workplan for the first session of 2025;
 - (b) Adoption of the report of the Executive Board on the work of its second session of 2024.
3. Reports of the chairs of the ad hoc working groups.
4. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters.
5. Update on the draft work programme of UN-Habitat and the draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2026.
6. Update on the preparation of, and possible recommendation of, the draft strategic plan of UN-Habitat for the period 2026–2029.
7. Briefing on the Sustainable Cities and Communities Foundation.
8. Implementation of the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat, including reporting on the programmatic activities of UN-Habitat in 2024 and the implementation of UN-Habitat subprogrammes, flagship programmes and technical cooperation activities.
9. Update on the implementation of the resolutions adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly.
10. Implementation by UN-Habitat of the reform of the development system and management of the United Nations.
11. Action by UN-Habitat to strengthen protection against sexual or any other type of exploitation and abuse and against sexual harassment in the workplace.
12. Annual report on action by the Executive Director to update and improve the internal management, policies and procedures of UN-Habitat.
13. Consideration and adoption of the outcomes of the session, including the provisional agenda for the second session of 2025.
14. Other matters.
15. Closure of the session.

7. At its 1st plenary meeting, the Executive Board agreed to follow the proposed organization of work and timetable for the first session of 2025, as set out in the relevant documents. Draft decisions for consideration by the Executive Board, as forwarded to the Chair of the Board by Pedro León Cortés Ruiz (Colombia), Chair of the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters, which had been tasked by the Bureau with leading the consultations on the draft decisions for consideration at the current session, were circulated in a conference room paper and presented by the Chair of the session. The Executive Board agreed that informal consultations on the draft decisions should be held at agreed times during the session, for consideration and possible adoption by the Executive Board at the last meeting of the session, on 27 March 2025. The Executive Board agreed that the informal consultations would be chaired by Mr. Cortés Ruiz, assisted by Amadi-Ikpe Chibudhom Roosevelt (Nigeria) and António Miguel Luís (Portugal).

B. Adoption of the report of the Executive Board on the work of its second session of 2024

8. At its 1st plenary meeting, the Executive Board adopted the report on the work of its second session of 2024 (HSP/EB.2024/23), held from 4 to 6 December 2024, by paragraph 1 of part (a), on reports of the Executive Board and its ad hoc working groups, of decision 2025/4, on methods of work

of the Executive Board and the workplan of the Executive Board for 2025. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2025/12. The Executive Board also adopted part (b), on working methods of the Executive Board to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of sessions of the Board, of decision 2025/4, on methods of work of the Executive Board and the workplan of the Executive Board for 2025, in which it took note of the results of the survey conducted by the secretariat following the second session of 2024 of the Executive Board.

C. Attendance

9. The session was attended by representatives of the following States members of the UN-Habitat Executive Board: Angola, Argentina, Barbados, Brazil, Cameroon, China, Colombia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, Germany, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Japan, Kenya, Malawi, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal, Serbia, Spain, Sweden, Türkiye, Uruguay.

10. The session was also attended by the following observers that are States members of the United Nations: Algeria, Austria, Belgium, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czechia, Finland, Ghana, Guatemala, Indonesia, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Malaysia, Mozambique, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), Norway, Oman, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Slovakia, Somalia, South Africa, Thailand, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

11. The session was also attended by the following observers that are members of specialized agencies of the United Nations: European Union, State of Palestine.

12. The session was also attended by the following observers: Holy See, League of Arab States.

III. Reports of the chairs of the ad hoc working groups

13. At its 1st plenary meeting, the Executive Board considered the reports of the chairs of the ad hoc working groups. The Chair introduced the item.

14. Mr. Luís, Chair of the ad hoc working group on the development of a stakeholder engagement policy, provided a briefing on the work of that group.

15. Following the briefing, statements were made by the representatives of the following States members of the Executive Board: Argentina, Brazil, China, Colombia, Egypt (speaking first on behalf of Egypt and thereafter on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), France, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kenya, Mexico, Morocco, Sweden and Türkiye. Statements were also delivered by the representatives of Algeria and Mozambique (speaking on behalf of the African States).

16. Mr. Cortés Ruiz, Chair of the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters, provided a briefing on the work of that group.

17. Following the briefing, statements were made by the representatives of the following States members of the Executive Board: Brazil, China, Germany, Kenya and Nigeria. A statement was also delivered by the representative of Mozambique (speaking on behalf of the African States).

18. The Executive Board took note of the information provided by the chairs of the ad hoc working groups established by the Executive Board.

19. The Executive Board adopted paragraphs 2 and 3 of part (a), on reports of the Executive Board and its ad hoc working groups, of decision 2025/4, on methods of work of the Executive Board and the workplan of the Executive Board for 2025. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2025/12.

IV. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters

20. At its 1st plenary meeting, the Executive Board considered financial, budgetary and administrative matters.

21. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the reports of the Executive Director on the interim financial status of UN-Habitat as at 31 December 2024 (HSP/EB.2025/2), on the staffing of UN-Habitat as at 31 December 2024 (HSP/EB.2025/INF/3), on recruitment, equitable geographical distribution and gender parity (HSP/EB.2025/INF/4) and on the status of the implementation of the recommendations of the report of the Board of Auditors (HSP/EB.2025/INF/5). A report by the Executive Director on the financial status of UN-Habitat as at 28 February 2025 was set out in a conference room paper.

22. The Executive Director delivered a statement on financial, budgetary and administrative matters, including on the financial status of UN-Habitat, staffing and the response to the liquidity crisis faced by the United Nations. A representative of the secretariat gave a presentation providing further detail on: staffing, including recruitment, equitable geographical representation and gender parity; the financial status of UN-Habitat as at 31 December 2024 and as at 28 February 2025; the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors; and resource mobilization, including contribution patterns.

23. Following the statement and presentation, statements were made by the representatives of the following States members of the Executive Board: Angola, Argentina, Brazil, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt (speaking first on behalf of the Group of 77 and China and thereafter on behalf of Egypt), Ethiopia, France, Germany, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Japan, Kenya, Malawi, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Senegal and Sweden. Statements were also delivered by the representatives of Algeria, the European Union, Mozambique (speaking on behalf of the African States) and the State of Palestine (speaking once on behalf of the Arab States and once on behalf of the Asia-Pacific States). The Executive Director and representatives of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.

24. The Executive Board took note of the documentation presented under agenda item 4 and the further information provided.

25. The Executive Board adopted part (a), on financial, budgetary and administrative matters of UN-Habitat, including its financial status and the Sustainable Cities and Communities Foundation, of decision 2025/1, on financial, budgetary and administrative matters of UN-Habitat; the Sustainable Cities and Communities Foundation; the draft work programme of UN-Habitat and the draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2026; the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2025/12.

V. Update on the draft work programme of UN-Habitat and the draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2026

26. At its 2nd plenary meeting, the Executive Board considered the update on the draft work programme of UN-Habitat and the draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2026. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the report of the Executive Director on the status of the draft work programme of UN-Habitat and the draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2026 (HSP/EB.2025/3) and the draft work programme of UN-Habitat for 2026 (HSP/EB.2025/INF/6).

27. The Executive Director delivered a statement on the draft work programme of UN-Habitat and the draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2026. Representatives of the secretariat gave a presentation providing further detail on the matter, including the timeline for the development of the draft work programme and the proposed budget for 2026; the structure of the work programme, including its subprogrammes; and the results and performance measures for each subprogramme.

28. Following the statement and presentation, statements were made by the representatives of the following States members of the Executive Board: Brazil, Colombia, Malawi and Mexico. Statements was also delivered by the representatives of Malaysia and Mozambique (speaking on behalf of the African States). The Executive Director responded to the issues raised.

29. The Executive Board took note of the documentation presented under agenda item 5 and the further information provided.

30. The Executive Board adopted part (b), on the status of the draft work programme of UN-Habitat and the draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2026, of decision 2025/1, on financial, budgetary and administrative matters of UN-Habitat; the Sustainable Cities and Communities Foundation; the draft work programme of UN-Habitat and the draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2026; the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2025/12.

VI. Update on the preparation of, and possible recommendation of, the draft strategic plan of UN-Habitat for the period 2026–2029

31. At its 3rd plenary meeting, the Executive Board considered the draft strategic plan of UN-Habitat for the period 2026–2029.
32. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the report of the Executive Director on the development of the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029 (HSP/EB.2025/4) and the draft strategic plan of UN-Habitat for the period 2026–2029 (HSP/EB.2025/INF/7).
33. The Executive Director gave a presentation on the draft strategic plan of UN-Habitat for the period 2026–2029, including the development process; the focus and key impact areas of the plan; the means of implementation; the desired outcomes and the monitoring framework, including related indicators; and resource mobilization.
34. Following the presentation, statements were made by the representatives of the following States members of the Executive Board: Angola, Argentina, Brazil, China, Colombia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, France, Germany, Japan, Kenya, Malawi, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Portugal, Russian Federation, Senegal and Sweden. Statements were also delivered by the representatives of Algeria, Costa Rica, Finland, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mozambique (speaking on behalf of the African States), Netherlands (Kingdom of the) and Uganda. The Executive Director responded to the issues raised.
35. The Executive Board took note of the documentation presented under agenda item 6 and the further information provided.
36. The Executive Board adopted part (c), on preparation of the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029, of decision 2025/1, on financial, budgetary and administrative matters of UN-Habitat; the Sustainable Cities and Communities Foundation; the draft work programme of UN-Habitat and the draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2026; the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2025/12.

VII. Briefing on the Sustainable Cities and Communities Foundation

37. At its 3rd plenary meeting, the Executive Board considered the Sustainable Cities and Communities Foundation.
38. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the report of the Executive Director on the Sustainable Cities and Communities Foundation (HSP/EB.2025/5).
39. The Executive Director gave a briefing on the Sustainable Cities and Communities Foundation and the ongoing efforts of UN-Habitat to ensure accountability and transparency in its financial and operational engagements.
40. Following the briefing, statements were made by the representatives of the following States members of the Executive Board: Brazil, Colombia, Egypt, France, Kenya, Malawi, Morocco, Nigeria, Portugal, Senegal and Spain. Statements were also delivered by the representatives of Chile, Mozambique (speaking on behalf of the African States) and Uganda. Grant Rogan, co-founder of the Sustainable Cities and Communities Foundation, formerly known as the Sustainable Human Settlements Foundation, also delivered a statement. The Executive Director and the Chief Legal Officer responded to the issues raised.
41. The Executive Board took note of the documentation presented under agenda item 7 and the further information provided.
42. The Executive Board adopted paragraphs 4 and 5 of part (a), on the financial, budgetary and administrative matters of UN-Habitat, including its financial status and the Sustainable Cities and Communities Foundation, of decision 2025/1, on the financial, budgetary and administrative matters of UN-Habitat; the Sustainable Cities and Communities Foundation; the draft work programme of UN-Habitat and the draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2026; the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2025/12.

VIII. Implementation of the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat, including reporting on the programmatic activities of UN-Habitat in 2024 and the implementation of UN-Habitat subprogrammes, flagship programmes and technical cooperation activities

43. At its 4th plenary meeting, the Executive Board considered the implementation of the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat.
44. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the reports of the Executive Director on the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat, including updates on the Ethiopia and Central America programmes, capacity-development initiatives, urban crises prevention and response, and activities for the period July–December 2024 (HSP/EB.2025/6); on the UN-Habitat capacity-building strategy implementation plan for the year 2025 (HSP/EB.2025/INF/8); and on highlights of normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat for the period July–December 2024 (HSP/EB.2025/INF/9).
45. The Executive Director delivered a statement presenting selected highlights pertaining to the implementation of normative and operational activities, which included updates on the programmes in Ethiopia and Central America.
46. Representatives of the secretariat gave presentations providing further detail on the UN-Habitat programmes in Ethiopia, the Dominican Republic and Central America. The presentations began with short videos on the respective programmes.
47. Fenta Dejen, State Minister of Urban Development and Infrastructure of Ethiopia, delivered a statement on collaboration between his country and UN-Habitat within the framework of the normative and operational activities.
48. A representative of the secretariat gave a presentation on global capacity development efforts by UN-Habitat, supported by statements delivered via recorded video message about collaboration with partners on capacity development. The recorded statements were made by Peter Oborn, former President of the Commonwealth Association of Architects and member of the UN-Habitat Stakeholder Advisory Group Enterprise, and by Moussa Bougma, Coordinator of the Centre of Excellence on Housing and Urban Sustainability for the countries of the West African Economic and Monetary Union.
49. A representative of the secretariat gave a presentation on activities on urban crisis prevention and response.
50. Following the statement by the Executive Director, the presentations and the messages of support by partners, statements were made by the representatives of the following States members of the Executive Board: Barbados, Brazil, Colombia, Egypt, France, Germany, Malawi and Türkiye. Statements were also delivered by the representatives of Algeria, Costa Rica, Mozambique (speaking on behalf of the African States), the State of Palestine and Ukraine. The Executive Director and representatives of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.
51. The Executive Board took note of the documentation presented under agenda item 8 and the further information provided.
52. The Executive Board adopted part (a), on the implementation of the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat, of decision 2025/2, on the implementation of the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2025/12.

IX. Update on the implementation of the resolutions adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly

53. At its 4th plenary meeting, the Executive Board considered the implementation of the resolutions adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly (UN-Habitat Assembly).
54. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the resolutions adopted by the UN-Habitat Assembly (HSP/EB.2025/7) and the draft international guidelines on people-centred smart cities (HSP/EB.2025/INF/10).
55. The Executive Director gave a presentation on the implementation of all the resolutions adopted by the UN-Habitat Assembly at its first and second sessions.

56. Following the presentation, statements were made by the representatives of the following States members of the Executive Board: Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Egypt, France, Germany, Malawi, Nigeria and Russian Federation. Statements were also delivered by the representatives of Costa Rica, Finland, Mozambique (speaking on behalf of the African States) and Zimbabwe. The Executive Director and representatives of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.

57. The Executive Board took note of the documentation presented under agenda item 9 and the further information provided.

58. The Executive Board adopted decision 2025/3, on an update on the implementation of resolutions adopted by the UN-Habitat Assembly. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2025/12.

X. Implementation by UN-Habitat of the reform of the development system and management of the United Nations

59. At its 5th plenary meeting, the Executive Board considered the implementation by UN-Habitat of the reform of the development system and management of the United Nations.

60. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to a note by the secretariat on the implementation of the United Nations development system reform in UN-Habitat (HSP/EB.2025/8) and the checklist on the implementation of the reform of the United Nations development system by UN-Habitat (HSP/EB.2025/INF/11).

61. The Executive Director delivered a statement on the contribution of UN-Habitat to the implementation of General Assembly resolution 72/279 on the repositioning of the United Nations development system in the context of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system. A representative of the secretariat gave a presentation providing further detail on the reform and the contribution thereto of UN-Habitat, including its engagement with United Nations country teams. The presentation included three video messages delivered by Patricia Portela de Souza, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Cabo Verde; Geneviève Boutin, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Guinea-Bissau; and Mohamed El Zarkani, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Saudi Arabia.

62. Following the statement and presentation, statements were made by the representatives of the following States members of the Executive Board: Colombia, Kenya, Malawi, Portugal and Sweden. Statements were also delivered by the representatives of Mozambique (speaking on behalf of the African States) and the Netherlands (Kingdom of the). The Executive Director and representatives of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.

63. The Executive Board took note of the documentation presented under agenda item 10 and the further information provided.

64. The Executive Board adopted part (b), on the implementation by UN-Habitat of the reform of the development system and management of the United Nations, of decision 2025/2, on the implementation of the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2025/12.

XI. Action by UN-Habitat to strengthen protection against sexual or any other type of exploitation and abuse and against sexual harassment in the workplace

65. At its 5th plenary meeting, the Executive Board considered action by UN-Habitat to strengthen protection against sexual or any other type of exploitation and abuse.

66. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the report of the Executive Director on action by UN-Habitat to strengthen protection against sexual and any other type of exploitation and abuse and against sexual harassment in the workplace (HSP/EB.2025/9).

67. The Executive Director delivered a statement on action by UN-Habitat to strengthen protection against sexual and any other type of exploitation and abuse and against sexual harassment in the workplace. A representative of the secretariat gave a presentation providing further information on the matter, including background information, recent developments in the United Nations system, actions by UN-Habitat in 2024, action plans for 2025, and recommendations and proposed actions.

68. Following the statement by the Executive Director and the presentation, statements were made by the representatives of the following States members of the Executive Board: Brazil, Colombia, Kenya, Malawi and Portugal. The Executive Director and representatives of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.

69. The Executive Board took note of the documentation presented under agenda item 11 and the further information provided.

XII. Annual report on action by the Executive Director to update and improve the internal management, policies and procedures of UN-Habitat

70. At its 5th plenary meeting, the Executive Board considered the action taken by the Executive Director to update and improve the internal management, policies and procedures of UN-Habitat.

71. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the report of the Executive Director on actions to update and improve the internal management policies and procedures of UN-Habitat (HSP/EB.2025/10).

72. The Executive Director delivered a statement on the actions taken to strengthen and improve the internal management policies and procedures of UN-Habitat. A representative of the secretariat gave a presentation providing further detail on the management of financial and human resources, the delegation of authority, procurement, digital workflow management, communication, legal matters and compliance, and the management of internal policies and procedures.

73. Following the statement and presentation, statements were made by the representatives of the following States members of the Executive Board: France, Germany, Kenya and Portugal. Statements were also delivered by the representatives of Botswana, Mozambique (speaking on behalf of the African States) and Uganda. The Executive Director and representatives of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.

74. The Executive Board took note of the documentation presented under agenda item 12 and the further information provided.

XIII. Consideration and adoption of the outcomes of the session, including the provisional agenda for the second session of 2025

A. Outcomes of the session

75. The 6th plenary meeting was chaired by Mr. Chibudhom Roosevelt (Nigeria), replacing Mr. Belgore. At the meeting, the Executive Board adopted the following decisions, which are set out in document HSP/EB.2025/12:

(a) Decision 2025/1: Financial, budgetary and administrative matters of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme; the Sustainable Cities and Communities Foundation; the draft work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and the draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2026; and the strategic plan 2026–2029 of UN-Habitat, comprising:

- (i) Part (a): Financial, budgetary and administrative matters of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, including its financial status and the Sustainable Cities and Communities Foundation;
- (ii) Part (b): Status of the draft work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and the draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2026;
- (iii) Part (c): Preparation of the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029;

(b) Decision 2025/2: Implementation of the normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, comprising:

- (i) Part (a): Implementation of the normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme;

- (ii) Part (b): Implementation by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme of the reform of the development system and management of the United Nations;
- (c) Decision 2025/3: Update on the implementation of resolutions adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly;
- (d) Decision 2025/4: Methods of work of the Executive Board and the workplan of the Executive Board for 2025, comprising:
 - (i) Part (a): Reports of the Executive Board and its ad hoc working groups;
 - (ii) Part (b): Working methods of the Executive Board to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of sessions of the Board;
 - (iii) Part (c): Date and provisional agenda for the second session of 2025 of the Executive Board and the workplan of the Executive Board for 2025.

B. Dates and provisional agenda for the next session of the Executive Board

76. The Executive Board adopted part (c), on the date and provisional agenda for the next session of the Executive Board, of decision 2025/4, on methods of work of the Executive Board and the workplan of the Executive Board for 2025. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2025/12.

XIV. Rotation of the Chair and Rapporteur of the Executive Board

77. At its 6th plenary meeting, the Executive Board considered the rotation of the Chair and Rapporteur of the Executive Board.

78. Introducing the matter, the Chair said that, in accordance with paragraph 3 of rule 9 of the rules of procedure, which stated that the offices of the Chair and Rapporteur should rotate each year to a different regional group, the Western European and other States would assume the position of Chair of the Executive Board, and the African States would assume the position of Rapporteur of the Executive Board.

79. Accordingly, at the conclusion of the current session of the Executive Board, France, as the current representative of the Western European and other States in the Bureau of the Executive Board, would take over the position of Chair until the election of the next Bureau on 30 May 2025, and another State member of the Western European and other States would continue as Chair until the end of the first session of the Executive Board of 2026.

80. In addition, Nigeria would represent the African States as Rapporteur in the current Bureau until the election of the next Bureau on 30 May 2025, following which another State member of the African States would assume that position.

81. The Executive Board agreed that, in accordance with paragraph 3 of rule 9 of the rules of procedure, France and Nigeria would assume the positions of Chair and Rapporteur, respectively, of the Board until 30 May 2025.

82. Statements were made by the representatives of the following States members of the Executive Board: Brazil, Cameroon and France.

83. The Chair also confirmed that, in accordance with the decision adopted by the Executive Board at its second session of 2023, held on 8 June 2023, the other members of the current Bureau would remain in office as Vice-Chairs of the Bureau until the closure of the resumed second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly in 2025. The full composition of the current Bureau of the Executive Board was therefore as follows:

Chair: Western European and other States (France)

Vice-Chairs: Eastern European States: Poland

Latin American and Caribbean States: Brazil

Asia-Pacific States: China

Rapporteur: African States (Nigeria)

XV. Other matters

84. The following representatives of non-governmental and other organizations delivered statements: Ann Wanjiru, Huairou Commission; and Timpiyan Kisimir, Children and Youth Constituency for Sustainable Communities.

XVI. Closure of the session

85. Closing statements were delivered by the Deputy Executive Director on behalf of the Executive Director, and by Mr. Belgore, in a recorded video message.

86. The Chair declared the session closed at 3.55 p.m. on Thursday, 27 March 2025.
