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Draft report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme on the work of its second session of 2025

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 first session of 2025 from 25 to 27 March 2025. At that session, in part (c) of its decision 2025/4, on the methods of work of the Executive Board and the workplan of the Executive Board for 2025, the Executive Board agreed that its second session of 2025 would be held on 30 May 2025, in conjunction with the resumed second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly.
3. Accordingly, the second session of 2025 was held at the headquarters of UN-Habitat in Nairobi on 30 May 2025. The session consisted of one plenary meeting.

I. Opening of the session

4. The second session of 2025 of the Executive Board of UN-Habitat was opened at 11.05 a.m. on Friday, 30 May 2025, by the Chair of the session, Clément Payeur (France), on behalf of Arnaud Suquet (France), Chair of the Executive Board. Mr. Payeur drew attention to the provisional agenda for the session and stated the main objectives of the session.
5. The Executive Board adopted the following agenda for its second session of 2025 on the basis of the provisional agenda (HSP/EB.2025/13):
 1. Opening of the session.
 2. Election of officers of the Bureau.
 3. Consideration and approval of the provisional agenda for the third session of the Executive Board of 2025.
 4. Other matters.
 5. Closure of the session.

II. Election of officers of the Bureau of the Executive Board

6. Introducing the item, the Chair recalled rule 9 of the rules of procedure of the Executive Board and specified the nominees from each regional group for membership of the Bureau for the term 2025–2026, to be elected at the second session.

7. In accordance with rule 9 of its rules of procedure, the Executive Board elected by acclamation the following Bureau members for the term 2025–2026:

Chair: Germany (Western European and other States)

Vice-Chairs: Slovakia (Eastern European States)

Brazil (Latin American and Caribbean States)

China (Asia-Pacific States)

Rapporteur: Cameroon (African States)

8. The Executive Board adopted decision 2025/6, on the election of officers to the Bureau of the Executive Board for the term 2025–2026, as set out in the annex to the present report.

III. Consideration and approval of the provisional agenda for the third session of the Executive Board of 2025

9. The Executive Board adopted decision 2025/5, on the dates and provisional agenda for the third session of the Executive Board and its workplan for 2025, which includes the provisional agenda for the third session of the Executive Board, as set out in the annex to the present report.

IV. Any other matters

10. The representative of Colombia announced that Colombia would step down from its position as Chair of the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters of the Executive Board.

11. Tributes were paid, including in statements by the Chair and the representative of Brazil, to the work of the representative of Colombia in that capacity.

12. The representative of Germany made a statement in her capacity as the incoming Chair of the Executive Board.

V. Closure of the session

13. The Chair declared the session closed at 11.20 a.m. on Friday, 30 May 2025.

Annex

Decisions adopted by the Executive Board at its second session of 2025

Decision 2025/5: Date and provisional agenda for the third session of the Executive Board and the workplan of the Executive Board for 2025

The Executive Board

Recalls paragraph 9 of decision 2025/4, and decides, subject to additional considerations by the Bureau in accordance with paragraph 2 of rule 10 of the rules of procedure, that the provisional agenda for the third session of 2025 will be as follows:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Adoption of the agenda and the workplan for the third session of 2025;
 - (b) Adoption of the report of the Executive Board on the work of the first session of 2025;
 - (c) Adoption of the report of the Executive Board on the work of the second session of 2025.
3. Reports by the chairs of the ad hoc working groups established by the Executive Board.
4. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters, including updates on the structure and human resources of UN-Habitat and updated draft version of the scalability model for the non-earmarked budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation.
5. Implementation of the strategic plan of UN-Habitat:
 - (a) Annual report for 2024 on the implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2025;
 - (b) Update on the structure and division of responsibilities within the organization for the implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029.
6. Consideration and possible approval of the draft work programme of UN-Habitat and the draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2026.
7. Normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat, including reporting on the programmatic activities of UN-Habitat and the implementation of subprogrammes, flagship programmes and technical cooperation activities and the engagement of UN-Habitat in countries, territories and areas affected by conflict and disaster.
8. Preparations for the thirteenth session of the World Urban Forum.
9. Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services and of the Ethics Office to the Executive Board.
10. Consideration and adoption of the outcomes of the session, including on the dates and provisional agenda for the first session of 2026.
11. Other matters.
12. Closure of the session.

Decision 2025/6: Election of officers to the Bureau for the term 2025–2026

The Executive Board

Decides to elect from among its members, with terms of office from the end of the second session of 2025 to the end of the first session of 2026, the new Bureau of the Executive Board of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, as follows:

Chair: Germany (Western European and other States)

Vice-Chairs: Brazil (Latin American and Caribbean States)

China (Asia-Pacific States)

Slovakia (Eastern European States)

Rapporteur: Cameroon (African States)

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