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

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.
6. Subsequently, 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.

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

7. 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

8. The meeting was attended by representatives of the following Member States: Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Botswana, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Canada, Cabo Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Czechia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Estonia, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Morocco, Mozambique, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Tunisia, Türkiye, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Yemen, Zambia and Zimbabwe.
9. The meeting was also attended by representatives of the following observers: Holy See, Sovereign Order of Malta and State of Palestine
10. The meeting was attended by representatives of the following intergovernmental organizations: European Union, League of Arab States and Shelter Afrique.

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

11. 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).

12. Representatives of the following Member States proposed amendments to the report: Egypt, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Morocco, Philippines.
13. The Chair confirmed that the secretariat would make the necessary amendments and issue a revised version of the report.
14. The Committee adopted the report, as orally amended.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. Subsequently, the representative of the United States of America spoke in exercise of the right of reply to the statement by the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

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

18. 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).
19. The Executive Director and a representative of the secretariat provided briefings on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda.
20. 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.
21. The Committee took note of the briefings provided by the Executive Director and the representative of the secretariat.

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 UN-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 (HSP/HA.1/7), the resolution by which the strategic plan was adopted (HSP/HA.1/Res.1) 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 to the statement by the representative of the United States.
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. The Chair introduced the item and drew attention to the conference room papers containing the draft decisions and outcomes of the resumed second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly, as identified by the bureaux of the Committee of Permanent Representatives and of the Assembly.

49. On two occasions, 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.

50. The Vice-Chair provided updates on the status of the consultations on each draft document.

51. Following those reports, statements were made by the representatives of Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Egypt, Pakistan and Portugal.

52. The Committee reviewed the latest versions of the draft documents.

53. Representatives of the secretariat made statements in response to the questions and comments of Member States.

54. The Vice-Chair leading the informal consultations provided an update on progress in the informal consultations on the preparation of the draft outcomes of the resumed second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly.

55. The Legal Adviser provided information on the decision-making process of the UN-Habitat Assembly.

56. Following the briefing by the Legal Adviser, statements were made by the representatives of Brazil, Morocco and the Russian Federation.

57. Subsequently, the Committee took note of the report of the Vice-Chair on the informal consultations and decided to recommend the following draft decisions and documents, set out in conference room papers, for consideration and possible adoption by the UN-Habitat Assembly at its resumed second session:

(a) Draft decision on the strategic plan of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for the period 2026–2029;

(b) Draft decision on the international guidelines on people-centred smart cities;

(c) Draft decision on the dates and provisional agenda of the third session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly;

58. Proposed consensual changes to the draft strategic plan as contained in document HSP/HA.2/13.

IX. Election of the officers of the Bureau

59. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the UN-Habitat Assembly.

60. With regard to credentials, the Chair recalled rules 16 and 17 of the rules of procedure of the UN-Habitat Assembly and reported that, as at 27 May 2025, formal credentials in original form issued by Heads of State or Government or by ministers for foreign affairs had been physically submitted to the Executive Director of UN-Habitat by 17 Member States. A further 99 Member States had submitted information on the appointment of their representatives to the third open-ended meeting of the Committee by means of a scanned copy in electronic form of formal credentials signed by the Head of State or Government or the minister for foreign affairs, by means of a scanned copy of a letter or note verbale, including from the permanent missions concerned, or by means of another form of official communication. A total of 80 Member States had not communicated any information regarding their representatives to the Executive Director.

61. The Bureau recommended that the Committee accept the official communications that had been accepted by the Bureau.

62. The Committee accepted the credentials of the Member States.

63. The Chair drew attention to paragraph 22 of the annotated provisional agenda for the meeting (HSP/OECPR.2025/1/Add.1), in which the expected composition of the Bureau of the Committee for the period 2025–2027 was set out. He then listed the Member States nominated for membership of the Bureau by their respective regional groups.

64. In accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the UN-Habitat Assembly, and in the light of the fact that the Eastern European States had not nominated a candidate for the position of Vice-Chair, the Committee elected by acclamation the following members of the Bureau to serve as of the closure of the third open-ended meeting for the period 2025–2027:

Chair:	Sweden (Western European and other States)
Vice-Chair:	Costa Rica (Latin American and Caribbean States)
Vice-Chair:	(vacant) (Eastern European States)
Vice-Chair:	China (Asia-Pacific States)
Rapporteur:	Kenya (African States)

65. The Committee elected the members of the Bureau on the understanding that it would have an opportunity, on a no-objection basis, to elect the remaining member of the Bureau upon nomination by the Eastern European States.

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

66. The Committee of Permanent Representatives adopted the draft procedural report of its third open-ended meeting on the basis of the draft that had been circulated, on the understanding that the report would be reviewed and finalized by the outgoing Rapporteur of the Bureau of the Committee with the support of the secretariat.

67. The Committee also adopted the summary of the draft outcomes of its third open-ended meeting on the basis of the draft that had been circulated.

68. The Committee further adopted the draft Chair's summary of the proceedings of its third open-ended meeting as set out in the draft that had been circulated, on the understanding that the Chair would review and finalize the summary after the meeting.

XI. Other matters

69. No other matters were raised.

XII. Closure of the meeting

70. Before the closure of the meeting, statements were made by the Chair, by the Deputy Executive Director, also on behalf of the Executive Director, and by the representative of Kenya.

71. Following the customary exchange of courtesies, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.45 p.m. on Wednesday, 28 May 2025.

ADVANCE