

21 March 2017

## **Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)**

### **Twenty-sixth session (Nairobi, 8–12 May 2017)**

#### **Notification by the Executive Director**

**(Revision of 21 March 2017)**

#### **I. General information for member States**

##### **A. Dates, venue and participation**

1. The twenty-sixth session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) will be held at the headquarters of UN-Habitat in Nairobi from 8 to 12 May 2017. A copy of the provisional agenda for the meeting is attached to the present notification (see annex I). The twenty-sixth session of the Governing Council marks the first formal gathering of member States and other relevant stakeholders since the adoption of the New Urban Agenda at the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III), which was held in Quito from 17 to 20 October 2016.

2. The session will be opened at 10 a.m. on Monday, 8 May 2017. Representatives and invited guests are requested to be seated by 9.45 a.m.

3. The list of members of the Governing Council as of 1 January 2017 may be found in annex II. It should be noted that, pursuant to rule 61 of the rules of procedure of the Governing Council, a State that is a Member of the United Nations or a member of a specialized agency, but is not a member of the Governing Council, may participate in the deliberations of the Governing Council in the capacity of observer.

##### **B. Informal consultations**

4. To facilitate the work of the Governing Council, arrangements will be made for informal consultations to be held between regional groups on various matters, in particular the election of officers, on Sunday, 7 May 2017, provisionally at 11 a.m. The first issue of the journal for the session will be published on Saturday, 6 May 2017, and will include information on the allocation of rooms and times for those meetings. Attention is drawn to the note on the geographical distribution of officers elected at previous Governing Council sessions (see annex III).

5. In addition, it is expected that various partners, notably local authorities, parliamentarians and non-governmental organizations, will convene their own informal consultations, events and activities prior to and during the session. Detailed information on this matter will be communicated to all participants by the secretariat as soon as it is available.

##### **C. Key issues to be discussed**

6. Among the key issues to be considered by the Governing Council at the forthcoming session are the following:

- (a) The activities of UN-Habitat, including coordination matters;
- (b) The work programme and budget of UN-Habitat for the biennium 2018–2019;
- (c) The special theme for the twenty-sixth session of the Governing Council;
- (d) Review of the outcomes of Habitat III.

7. The special theme for the twenty-sixth session of the Governing Council is “Opportunities for the effective implementation of the New Urban Agenda”, while the sub-themes for the session are: “Towards inclusive, sustainable and adequate housing for a better future” (sub-theme 1); “Synergies and financing for sustainable urbanization” (sub-theme 2); and “Integrated human settlements planning for sustainable urbanization” (sub-theme 3).

8. The Executive Director is urging all States to participate fully in the session. Given that the Governing Council is expected to deliberate on a number of important resolutions to contribute to the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, high-level representation by States is encouraged.

9. The Executive Director also wishes to highlight the participatory spirit of the Habitat III process, which was one of the most inclusive and participatory intergovernmental processes in the history of the United Nations. The Executive Director wishes to bring to the attention of Governments resolution 16/12 of the Governing Council, in which Governments were invited to include in their delegations for future sessions of the Council representatives of local authorities and relevant civil society actors, in particular from the private sector, non-governmental organizations and research organizations in the fields of adequate shelter for all and sustainable human settlements development.

10. Following the inclusive partnership experience of Habitat III, the Governing Council is invited to engage with the main stakeholders, in particular the Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments and the General Assembly of Partners.

11. The Executive Director would also like to emphasize that both UN-Habitat and member States would benefit if States were to include in their delegations their permanent representatives to UN-Habitat or representatives of other focal points in Nairobi. The Executive Director would therefore be grateful if States would provide information on the composition of their delegations as soon as possible and no later than 1 April 2017. In accordance with rule 16 of the rules of procedure, the credentials of representatives should be submitted to the Executive Director no later than the end of the first meeting of the session, that is, on 8 May 2017.

## **II. Proposed organizational arrangements for the twenty-sixth session for consideration by the Governing Council of UN-Habitat**

12. In line with resolution 20/21, on the organization and themes for future sessions of the Governing Council, in which the Council requested the Committee of Permanent Representatives, as the intersessional subsidiary body of the Council, to recommend to the Council further proposals for improving the structure and organization of the twenty-first and future sessions of the Council, the Committee of Permanent Representatives will provide recommendations for the conduct of the high-level segment, the dialogue and the theme of the session.

### **A. Bureau**

13. In accordance with rule 17 of the rules of procedure, the Bureau shall comprise a president, three vice-presidents and a rapporteur elected with due regard for the principle of equitable geographical distribution by rotation among the regional groups of States. Annex III shows the geographical distribution of officers elected at previous Governing Council sessions.

14. Further to rule 18 of the rules of procedure, it is recommended that one vice-president be designated to chair the sessional committee of the whole referred to in paragraph 28 below. The remaining two vice-presidents would assist the president directly in his or her duties in plenary meetings and in the chairing of the ad hoc drafting committee referred to in paragraph 29 below.

### **B. Plenary**

15. Following consultations with the Bureau, it is recommended that work in the plenary meetings be divided into two segments: first, a high-level segment, with interventions primarily by ministers and other heads of delegation, to be held on the first and second days; and, second, a dialogue between Governments, local authorities and other stakeholders, to be held on the third day. It should be noted that part of the morning meeting on the first day will be devoted to organizational matters.

### **C. High-level segment**

16. It is suggested that the discussions during the high-level segment focus on the theme and the theme papers for the session, along with matters related to item 5 of the provisional agenda, “Activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, including coordination matters” and item 8, “Work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for the biennium 2018–2019”.

17. It may be recalled that, in its resolution 20/21, the Governing Council decided that the theme of the dialogue should establish a link between the high-level segment and the dialogue between Governments, local governments and other stakeholders and provide for cohesion in the policy discussions in plenary meetings.

18. To accommodate the 60–80 delegations that normally attend Governing Council sessions, it is recommended that during the high-level segment each delegation be allowed a maximum of five minutes of speaking time and that this limit be strictly adhered to.

19. In establishing the list of speakers for the high-level segment, precedence will be given to ministers and deputy ministers, followed by other heads of governmental delegations, then by a limited number of representatives of local governments and other stakeholders, in accordance with rules 64 and 65 of the rules of procedure.

#### **D. Dialogue with local authorities and other partners**

20. It should be recalled that in paragraph 2 of its resolution 16/12 the Governing Council decided to provide, at future sessions, opportunities for partners to engage in a dialogue among themselves and with Governments. Such dialogues may, as appropriate, serve as input to the deliberations of the Governing Council.

21. The special theme for the twenty-sixth session has now been chosen and, as indicated in paragraph 7 above, is “Opportunities for the effective implementation of the New Urban Agenda”, while the sub-themes for the session are: “Towards inclusive, sustainable and adequate housing for a better future” (sub-theme 1); “Synergies and financing for sustainable urbanization” (sub-theme 2); and “Integrated human settlements planning for sustainable urbanization” (sub-theme 3).

22. Further to the above-mentioned resolutions and with a view to increasing participation in and contribution to the work of the Governing Council, and to the attainment of common goals to achieve the implementation by local authorities and other partners of the New Urban Agenda, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction for the period 2015–2030 and the Paris Agreement adopted under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, arrangements have been made for a dialogue between Governments, local authorities and other partners to be held during the plenary meeting on the third day of the session (see annex IV). Representatives of stakeholder organizations will be given the opportunity to make substantive presentations, followed by a dialogue or discussion among Governments, local governments and other stakeholders.

23. To that end, participating partners are encouraged to submit to the secretariat, in advance, written summaries of their presentations for distribution to all participants ahead of the meeting.

24. It is expected that the presentations made by representatives of local authorities and other stakeholders will be the outcome of consultations by those groups with non-governmental organizations, parliamentarians, private sector representatives, professionals, researchers, grassroots organizations, trade unions and other constituency groups and urban stakeholders. Arrangements will be made for local governments and each group of stakeholders, should they so wish, to hold consultations in Nairobi immediately prior to the session or at a time and venue of their choice.

25. Detailed information on the organization of the dialogue will be provided at a later date.

#### **E. Summary by the president**

26. At the end of the high-level segment and the dialogue, the president, drawing on the deliberations of the two plenaries, will prepare a summary of the main issues raised in the high-level segment and of the conclusions drawn or recommendations made during the dialogue. The summary should reflect the main thrust of the discussions and key positions set out during the two plenaries, to be submitted for endorsement in plenary meeting. Any draft resolution that may emerge from the discussions at those plenary meetings will be referred to the drafting committee for action.

27. Once the summary is endorsed by the Governing Council as an accurate reflection of discussions during the high-level segment and the dialogue, and subsequent to the required legislative process, the conclusions and recommendations will serve as guidelines for follow-up action by Governments, local authorities, other partners and the secretariat, specifically in support of the current focus areas of the UN-Habitat work programme.

## **F. Sessional committee of the whole**

28. Bearing in mind the organization of work for previous sessions of the Governing Council and the above recommendations on the work in plenary meetings, the Governing Council may wish to establish a sessional committee of the whole that would be accorded responsibility for the detailed consideration of agenda items 5, 6 and 8 in order to facilitate the negotiations of the Governing Council.

## **G. Drafting committee**

29. The Governing Council may wish to consider the establishment of a drafting committee, following past practice, to facilitate open-ended deliberations and pre-screen draft resolutions submitted by delegations with a view to merging, reconciling or clarifying them, as necessary, prior to their consideration by the Governing Council in plenary meeting.

## **H. Proposed timetable and agenda items**

30. A proposed organization of work and timetable for the session is provided in annex IV and a list of documents by agenda item is provided in annex I.

## **III. Registration for the session**

31. Participants are encouraged to pre-register online at <http://www.unhabitat.org/gc26>. Participation in the official sessions of the Governing Council is restricted to member States, local authorities and other accredited stakeholders. On-site registration will begin at 10 a.m. on Thursday, 4 May 2017. Stakeholders registered for the twenty-sixth session of the Governing Council should present evidence of their registration upon arrival at the United Nations Office at Nairobi.

32. Information regarding such matters as accommodation, visas and medical requirements will be available on the UN-Habitat website ([www.unhabitat.org/gc26](http://www.unhabitat.org/gc26)) once online registration begins. Enquiries regarding these or any other matters concerning the organizational aspects of the session should be directed to:

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## Annex I

### Provisional agenda and documentation for the twenty-sixth session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme

#### A. Provisional agenda<sup>a</sup>

1. Opening of the session.
2. Election of officers.
3. Credentials.
4. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
5. Activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, including coordination matters.
6. Review of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III).
7. Dialogue on the special theme for the twenty-sixth session of the Governing Council.
8. Work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for the biennium 2018–2019.
9. Provisional agenda and other arrangements for the twenty-seventh session of the Governing Council.
10. Other matters.
11. Adoption of the report of the session.
12. Closure of the session.

#### B. Provisional list of documents before the twenty-sixth session of the Governing Council of UN-Habitat

<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Description</i>
4	HSP/GC/26/1	Provisional agenda
4	HSP/GC/26/1/Add.1	Annotations to the provisional agenda, including organization of work
4	HSP/GC/26/INF/1	List of documents before the Governing Council
5	HSP/GC/26/2	Progress report of the Executive Director on activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme
5	HSP/GC/26/2/Add.1	Report of the working group on programme and budget
5	HSP/GC/26/2/Add.2	Cooperation with agencies and organizations within the United Nations system, intergovernmental organizations outside the United Nations system, non-governmental organizations and other UN-Habitat partners in the implementation of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme strategic plan for the period 2014–2019
5	HSP/GC/26/2/Add.3	Joint activities in the urban environment: joint progress report of the executive directors of the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Human Settlements Programme

<sup>a</sup> As adopted at the 7th plenary meeting of the twenty-fifth session of the Governing Council, held on 23 April 2015.

<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Description</i>
5	HSP/GC/26/INF/2	Report on the implementation of the international guidelines on urban and territorial planning approved in Governing Council resolution 25/6
5	HSP/GC/26/3	Report of the Committee of Permanent Representatives on its work during the intersessional period
5	HSP/GC/26/3/Add.1	Note by the secretariat on draft resolutions prepared by the Committee of Permanent Representatives
5	HSP/GC/26/INF/3	Global activities report 2017
5	HSP/GC/26/INF/4	Revised rules of procedure of the Governing Council
6	HSP/GC/26/4	Review of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III)
6	HSP/GC/26/INF/5	Outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III): the New Urban Agenda
7	HSP/GC/26/5	Dialogue on the special theme for the twenty-sixth session: report of the Executive Director
8	HSP/GC/26/6	Report of the Executive Director on the proposed work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and proposed budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for the biennium 2018–2019
8	HSP/GC/26/6/Add.1	Note by the secretariat on the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions
8	HSP/GC/26/6/Add.2	Report of the mid-term evaluation of the strategic plan for the period 2014–2019
8	HSP/GC/26/6/Add.3	Revised strategic plan for the period 2014–2019
8	HSP/GC/26/INF/6	Note by the secretariat on the status of voluntary contributions to the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation as at 1 March 2017
8	HSP/GC/26/INF/7	Interim report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the strategic plan for 2014–2019

## Annex II

### Membership of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme\*

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#### **African States (16)**

Angola (2019)  
Benin (2020)  
Chad (2019)  
Democratic Republic of the Congo (2018)  
Egypt (2018)  
Gabon (2018)  
Ghana (2018)  
Kenya (2019)  
Libya (2020)  
Madagascar (2020)  
Mauritius (2020)  
Nigeria (2019)  
Senegal (2018)  
Somalia (2020)  
South Africa (2019)  
Zimbabwe (2018)

*No vacant seat*

#### **Latin American and Caribbean States (10)**

Argentina (2018)  
Brazil (2019)  
Chile (2019)  
Colombia (2020)  
Ecuador (2018)  
Guatemala (2018)  
Mexico (2019)  
Paraguay (2020)  
Uruguay (2018)

*One vacant seat*

#### **Eastern European States (6)**

Croatia (2020)  
Czechia (2020)  
Georgia (2019)  
Russian Federation (2018)  
Serbia (2019)  
Slovakia (2018)

*No vacant seat*

#### **Western European and other States (13)**

Finland (2018)  
France (2020)  
Germany (2019)  
Israel (2019)  
Norway (2020)  
Sweden (2019)  
United States of America (2018)

*Six vacant seats*

#### **Asia-Pacific States (13)**

Bahrain (2019)  
China (2020)  
India (2019)  
Indonesia (2018)  
Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2018) Iraq (2018)  
Japan (2018)  
Malaysia (2019)  
Republic of Korea (2020)  
Saudi Arabia (2019)  
Sri Lanka (2020)  
Turkmenistan (2019)

*One vacant seat*

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\*Terms of office expire on 31 December of the years indicated. The information contained in the table was provided by the Economic and Social Council.

## Annex III

### Geographical distribution of officers elected at previous sessions of the Governing Council of UN-Habitat\*

<i>Year</i>	<i>Session of the Governing Council</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Vice-Presidents</i>	<i>Rapporteur</i>
1978	First	Western European and other States (Sweden)	African States (Malawi) Eastern European States (Poland) Latin American States (Mexico)	Asian States (Philippines)
1979	Second	African States (Kenya)	Asian States (Pakistan) Latin American States (Mexico) Western European and other States (Sweden)	Eastern European States (Poland)
1980	Third	Latin American States (Mexico)	African States (Nigeria) Asian States (Iraq) Eastern European States (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)	Western European and other States (Netherlands)
1981	Fourth	Asian States (Philippines)	African States (Lesotho) Eastern European States (Hungary) Western European and other States (Federal Republic of Germany)	Latin American States (Jamaica)
1982	Fifth	Eastern European States (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)	Asian States (Sri Lanka) Latin American States (Jamaica) Western European and other States (Canada)	African States (Egypt)
1983	Sixth	Western European and other States (Finland)	African States (Zambia) Eastern European States (Bulgaria) Latin American States (Argentina)	Asian States (Bangladesh)
1984	Seventh	African States (Gabon)	Asian States (India) Latin American States (Chile) Western European and other States (United States of America)	Eastern European States (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)
1985	Eighth	Latin American States (Jamaica)	African States (Tunisia) Asian States (Sri Lanka) Eastern European States (Hungary)	Western European and other States (Greece)
1986	Ninth	Western European and other States (Turkey)	African States (Kenya) Asian States (Bangladesh) Eastern European States (Poland)	Latin American States (Chile)
1987	Tenth	Eastern European States (Bulgaria)	Asian States (Indonesia) Latin American States (Colombia) Western European and other States (Finland)	African States (Kenya)

\* Sessions prior to 2003 were sessions of the Commission on Human Settlements.

<i>Year</i>	<i>Session of the Governing Council</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Vice-Presidents</i>	<i>Rapporteur</i>
1988	Eleventh	Asian States (India)	African States (Botswana) Latin American States (Brazil) Western European and other States (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)	Eastern European States (Poland)
1989	Twelfth	Latin American States (Colombia)	African States (Gabon) Eastern European States (Hungary) Western European and other States (United States of America)	Asian States (Sri Lanka)
1991	Thirteenth	African States (Zimbabwe)	Asian States (Sri Lanka) Eastern European States (Soviet Union) Latin American States (Brazil)	Western European and other States (Netherlands)
1993	Fourteenth	Western European and other States (Finland)	African States (Uganda) Asian States (Philippines) Eastern European States (Romania)	Latin American States (Chile)
1995	Fifteenth	Eastern European States (Russian Federation)	Asian States (Indonesia) Latin American States (Venezuela) Western European and other States (United Kingdom)	African States (Cameroon)
1997	Sixteenth	Asian States (Bangladesh)	African States (Kenya) Latin American States (Mexico) Western European and other States (Norway)	Eastern European States (Romania)
1999	Seventeenth	Latin American States (Colombia)	African States (Senegal) Eastern European States (Bulgaria) Western European and other States (Sweden)	Asian States (Iran (Islamic Republic of))
2001	Eighteenth	African States (Algeria)	Asian States (Bangladesh) Eastern European States (Russian Federation) Latin American States (Argentina)	Western European and other States (Turkey)
2003	Nineteenth	Western European and other States (Sweden)	African States (Malawi) Asian States (Sri Lanka) Eastern European States (Poland)	Latin American States (Chile)
2005	Twentieth	Eastern European States (Czech Republic)	Asian States (Philippines) Latin American States (Argentina) Western European and other States (Germany)	African States (Nigeria)
2007	Twenty-first	Asian States (India)	African States (Uganda) Latin American States (Argentina) Western European and other States (Canada)	Eastern European States (Russian Federation)

<i>Year</i>	<i>Session of the Governing Council</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Vice-Presidents</i>	<i>Rapporteur</i>
2009	Twenty-second	Latin American States (Jamaica)	African States (Zambia) Eastern European States (Czech Republic) Western European and other States (Germany)	Asian States (Pakistan)
2011	Twenty-third	African States (Rwanda)	Asian States (China) Eastern European States (Russian Federation) Latin American States (Chile)	Western European and other States (Finland)
2013	Twenty-fourth	African States (Nigeria)	Eastern European States (Russian Federation) Latin American States (Argentina) Asia-Pacific States (Bangladesh)	Western European and other States (Germany)
2015	Twenty-fifth	Eastern European States (Slovakia)	African States (Ghana) Western European and other States (Germany) Asia-Pacific States (India)	Latin American States (Uruguay)
Under the principle of geographical rotation provided for in paragraph 2 of rule 17 of the rules of procedure of the Governing Council, the following regional groups should provide candidates for the offices in question for the twenty-sixth session of the Governing Council:				
2017	Twenty-sixth	Asia-Pacific States	African States Western European and other States Latin American States	Eastern European States

## Annex IV

### Proposed organization of work and timetable for the twenty-sixth session of the Governing Council of UN-Habitat

Nairobi, 8–12 May 2017

<i>Day/date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Committee of the Whole</i>	<i>Drafting committee</i>
Monday, 8 May	a.m.	Opening of the session  Organizational matters (agenda items 1, 2, 3 and 4)	-  agenda item 5	-  Consultations on draft resolutions
	p.m.	High-level segment (agenda items 5, 6, 7 and 8)		
Tuesday, 9 May	a.m.	High-level segment (agenda items 5, 6, 7 and 8)	agenda item 5	Consultations on draft resolutions
	p.m.	High-level segment (agenda items 5, 6, 7 and 8)	agenda item 6 agenda item 8	
Wednesday, 10 May	a.m. and p.m.	Dialogue between Governments, local authorities and other Habitat Agenda partners on special theme (agenda item 7) [full day]	agenda item 8	Consultations on draft resolutions
Thursday, 11 May	a.m.	Plenary Approval of draft reports on items 5, 6, 7 and 8 and report on draft decision on item 9	agenda item 8  agenda item 9	Consultations on draft resolutions
	p.m.		Review of draft resolutions from the drafting committee	
Friday, 12 May	a.m.	Plenary Summary of the high-level segment and dialogue by the President	Review of draft resolutions from the drafting committee	
	p.m.	Draft reports of the plenary on items 1–4 Draft reports of the Committee of the Whole Report on draft resolutions and agenda items 9-12		

### **Resolution 20/21: Organization and themes for future sessions of the Governing Council**

*The Governing Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 5/15 of 7 May 1982, in which it decided to designate the subjects of the special themes of its sessions two years in advance,

*Also recalling* its resolution 16/12 of 7 May 1997, in which it decided to provide, at future sessions of the Council, opportunities for partners to engage in a dialogue among themselves and with Governments,

*Further recalling* its resolution 19/5 of 9 May 2003, in which it decided that a continuing focus of its twentieth and future sessions should be the implementation and monitoring of the goal of the United Nations Millennium Declaration<sup>a</sup> on improving the lives of slum-dwellers,

*Noting* that the World Urban Forum now provides an opportunity for extensive dialogue among Governments, local authorities and other Habitat Agenda partners,

*Recognizing* the importance during sessions of the Governing Council of a focused, interactive high-level segment on priority policy issues,

1. *Endorses* the recommendations of the Committee of Permanent Representatives on improving preparations for the Governing Council, which are contained in the appendix to the present resolution;
2. *Decides* that the special themes referred to in resolution 5/15 shall no longer be chosen two years in advance, but shall instead be selected by the Bureau of the Governing Council at least six months before the start of each session of the Governing Council, on the basis of advice from the Executive Director, in consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives, taking into account the outcome of the sessions of the World Urban Forum and the requirement for a continuing focus on the implementation and monitoring of the goal of the Millennium Declaration on improving the lives of slum dwellers;
3. *Also decides* that the high-level segment and the dialogues referred to in its resolution 16/12 should normally focus on those special themes and should constitute the substantive debate on the special themes;
4. *Requests* the Committee of Permanent Representatives to recommend to the Governing Council at its twenty-first session, through the Bureau of the Governing Council, further proposals for improving the structure and organizational arrangements of the twenty-first and future sessions of the Governing Council including, in particular, the high-level segment;
5. *Also requests* the Executive Director to prepare a background paper for use by the Committee of Permanent Representatives in complying with the request set forth in the preceding paragraph.

8 April 2005

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<sup>a</sup> General Assembly resolution 55/2.