

**Sixty-fifth Regular Meeting of the Committee of Permanent
Representatives to UN-Habitat**

29 June 2017

**Agenda Item 7: Report on the work of the Working Group on
Programme and Budget**

**Statement by H.E Ms Julia Pataki, Permanent Representative of
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Programme and Budget**

Excellencies, Distinguished Members of this Committee

Good Morning.

The Working Group on Programme and Budget held its last formal meeting in February 2017 and as Chair I gave a report to that effect during the 64th regular meeting held in March 2017. Since then we have not had a chance to formally meet owing to the extensive preparations towards the twenty-sixth session of the Governing Council which included the preparation of a pre-session document on the Work of the Working Group and a draft resolution on the extension of the mandate of the Working Group. I am therefore happy to report, as you all know, that through Resolution 26/1 on “the governance reform and the extension of the mandate of the working group on programme and budget”, the working group shall continue its work for at least the next two years.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere appreciation to all Member States for the support accorded in the adoption resolution 26/1.

As Chair of the Working Group, I have since requested the Chairs of the regional groups through the secretariat to re-confirm their representatives to the Working Group. In this regard I wish to thank the regional groups who have already communicated and look forward to hearing from others in the shortest time possible.

I wish to however to take this opportunity to reiterate that the Working group is open to all Members states as called for in resolution 25/7 and to encourage Member States to participate in the meetings and deliberations of the working group.

It is expected that the Working Group will actively resume its activities after the summer break sometime in late August as with other activities of the CPR as recommended by the Bureau.

Mr Chairman

I now wish to request this Committee to endorse the list of Representatives to the Working Group as currently provided under document HSP/CPR/65/7 and urge those regional groups who have not yet submitted the names of their representatives to do so as soon as possible.

Thank you Mr Chairman.