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63rd REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT
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Agenda Item 8:

**Preparations for the twenty-sixth Session of the Governing Council - GC26
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Preparations for the up-coming twenty-sixth session of the UN-Habitat Governing Council (GC26), which is scheduled from 3-7 April 2017 to be held at the UN-Habitat Headquarters in Nairobi Kenya have commenced and some highlights are provided as follows;

- a) An advance Notification for the twenty-sixth session of the Governing Council (GC26) has been sent to Member States on 3 October 2016.
- b) The Theme of the twenty sixth session of the Governing Council is yet to be selected. The CPR at its 62nd regular meeting of the CPR, agreed that discussions on the theme of the Governing Council were to commence following the conclusion of the Habitat III Conference. Initial discussion will soon begin at the subcommittee level. The Secretariat is finalizing its proposal on the theme for presentation to the CPR.
- c) All documentation towards the GC26 are to be made available to UNON Conference services for editing, and translation in accordance with the ten week rule of the United Nations which will fall on 23 February 2017.
- d) Member States are to receive all pre-session documents in accordance with the six weeks rule falling on 20 February 2017.
- e) There is expected change in the current Presidency of the Governing Council for the remainder of the period 2015-2017. Members of the Governing Council have been informed of this change in accordance with rule 19.4 of the Rules of Procedure and their decision is awaited by early December 2016.
- f) The following is the expected compositions of the next Bureau of the Governing Council (2017-2019)

President: Asia-Pacific States

Vice Presidents: African States

Western European and other States

Latin America and Caribbean States

Rapporteur: Eastern Europe States