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AGENDA ITEM 11

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Implementation by UN-Habitat of the Reforms of the Development System and Management of the United Nations

Implementation of UN systemwide strategy for sustainable urban development

and

Alignment of the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review (QCPR) process and UN-Habitat strategic planning cycles



United Nations Systemwide Coordination

(Office of Executive Director, New York Office, Geneva Office)

Chief Executives Board: High-Level Programme Committee, High-Level Management Committee (Secretariat: Executive Office of Secretary-General) United Nations Sustainable Development Group (Secretariat: Development Coordination Office) Inter-Agency Standing Committee (Secretariat: Office of Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs) Joint Action Plans and MOUs with UN entities (UNDP, UNICEF, OHCR, UNEP, WHO, etc.) General Assembly: ECOSOC, High-Level Political Forum



Regional Coordination

(Regional Representatives for Asia and Pacific, Latin America and Caribbean, Africa, Arab States, Eastern Europe and CIS)

Regional Collaboration Forums (UN): Economic Commissions, UN development regional assets

Regional Forums for Sustainable Development (Member States): accountability, link to HLPF

Service Delivery Hubs: HR, procurement, grant management, and travel



Country-Level Engagement

(Sub-Regional and Country Offices supporting 85 programme countries, including priority countries)

Resident Coordinator System, mutual accountability frameworks, regional coordination office

United Nations Country Teams, country configuration, common back-office

Common Country Analysis, data collection and analysis

UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks, strategic priority areas



Alignment of the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review (QCPR) process and UN-Habitat strategic planning cycles

Objective: to improve policy and programme coherence across the United Nations system

QCPR: an instrument that enables the General Assembly to provide the United Nations system with policy guidance and strategic direction and ensure adequate oversight and accountability

Alignment of Strategic Planning Cycles: over the past five years, the governing bodies of the various UN entities have intentionally sequenced their respective strategic planning cycles to take place immediately following the adoption of the QCPRs to benefit from the General Assembly's guidance and direction.

Current UN-Habitat Planning Cycle: United Nations Habitat Assembly at its second session in 2023, plans to adopt a new UN-Habitat strategic plan for the four-year period, 2024-2027. That plan will commence three years after the QCPR 2021-2024 and will conclude two years in to the next QCPR 2025-2028.

Recommendation to Align QCPR and Planning: United Nations Habitat Assembly can align future UN-Habitat strategic plans to QCPR by adopting an interim strategic plan 2024-2025 at its second session in 2023, and a strategic plan for the period 2026-2029 at its third session in 2025.



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