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Executive Board of the United Nations  
Human Settlements Programme  
First session of 2022  
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## **Outcomes adopted by the Executive Board at its first session of 2022 (Draft)**

### **Draft decision 2022/A: Draft work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2023, and financial, budgetary and administrative matters of UN-Habitat**

*The Executive Board,*

(a) **The status of the draft work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and the draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2023**

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Executive Director on the draft work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) and the draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2023;<sup>1</sup>

2. *Recalls* its decision 2021/6, in particular paragraph 11, in which it requested the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters of the Executive Board to discuss a draft work programme and draft budget for UN-Habitat for 2023, in line with the Executive Director's recommended budget of \$12 million for the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation non-earmarked budget for 2023 and other extrabudgetary resources;

3. *Takes note of* the recommendation by the Executive Director for the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation non-earmarked budget for 2023 to be at a baseline of \$3M as a reflection of liquidity constraints and of the discussions by the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters in that regard and *recommends* that the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation non-earmarked budget for 2023 to be at a baseline of \$3M, which will be scaled up to a level of \$12M should adequate funds be received;

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<sup>1</sup> HSP/EB.2022/4.

4. *Further requests* the Executive Director to finalise a draft annual work programme and budget of UN-Habitat for 2023 based on feedback from the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and to present those for further consideration by the Executive Board at its second session of 2022, taking into account the need to ensure that UN-Habitat is fit for purpose and delivers on its normative mandate;

5. *Further requests* the Executive Director to report to the Executive Board at its second session of 2022 on the Secretariat's scalability model for the non-earmarked Foundation budget subject to different funding levels up to \$12 million;

6. *Welcomes* the continued efforts by the Executive Director for the prioritization of UN-Habitat by the Secretary-General for a proposed increase of the regular budget allocation of the United Nations to UN-Habitat for 2023, as well as for the resource mobilization strategy to strengthen the Foundation non-earmarked resources as per the annual approved budget of UN-Habitat, including through innovative sources of financing ;

**(b) Financial, budgetary and administrative matters of UN-Habitat, including the implementation of the resource mobilization strategy and geographical and gender balance**

7. Takes note of the report of the Executive Director on the financial status of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme as at 31 December 2021,<sup>2</sup> the report of the Executive Director on progress on the implementation of the resource mobilization strategy in accordance with the United Nations Human Settlements Programme strategic plan for the period 2020–2023,<sup>3</sup> the report of the Executive Director on the staffing of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme as at 31 December 2021,<sup>4</sup> the report of the Executive Director on the interim financial status of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme as at 28 February 2022,<sup>5</sup> the report of the Executive Director on recruitment, equitable geographical distribution and gender parity;<sup>6</sup> and further encourages the Executive Director to continue the efforts to strengthen non-earmarked Foundation funding;

8. *Takes note* of the report of the Executive Director on the ongoing restructuring of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme;<sup>7</sup>

9. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretariat on actions to update and improve the internal management, policies and procedures of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme;<sup>8</sup>

10. *Welcomes* the report of the Executive Director on action by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme to strengthen protection against sexual and any other type of exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment in the workplace.<sup>9</sup>

11. *Further welcomes* the implementation by the Executive Director of the Secretary-General's comprehensive strategy to prevent and respond to sexual exploitation and

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<sup>2</sup> HSP/EB.2022/2.

<sup>3</sup> HSP/EB.2022/2/Add.2.

<sup>4</sup> HSP/EB.2022/2/Add.1.

<sup>5</sup> HSP/EB.2022/CRP.1.

<sup>6</sup> HSP/EB.2022/2/Add.3.

<sup>7</sup> HSP/EB.2022/2/Add.4.

<sup>8</sup> HSP/EB.2022/11.

<sup>9</sup> HSP/EB.2022/10.

abuse (PSEA) and *takes note* of the most recent Report of the Secretary-General on Special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and abuse A/76/702 pursuant to paras. 10-12 of General Assembly resolution A/57/465 Annex 1.

12. *Further welcomes* the continued commitment of the Executive Director to a victim-centred, system-wide approach to preventing and responding to sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment.

13. *Urges* the Executive Director to ensure that staff with responsibilities related to protection from sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment who participate in inter-agency coordination are provided with appropriate role-specific annual, mandatory training that is tracked and reported.

### **Draft decision 2022/B: Implementation of the normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme**

*The Executive Board,*

(a) **Implementation of the normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, including resolutions and decisions of the United Nations Habitat Assembly of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme**

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Executive Director on the status of implementation of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) at its first session<sup>10</sup> and the report of the Executive Director on the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat;<sup>11</sup>

2. *Welcomes* the development of the Global Urban Monitoring Framework, which is designed to enable localization of the Sustainable Development Goals and to assist cities in tracking how they are progressing in their efforts to meet the Goals and New Urban Agenda commitments and inform local action, ensuring that data is comparable; *Further welcomes* its endorsement by the United Nations Statistical Commission and encourages the timely implementation of the Global Urban Monitoring Framework as part of a harmonized global urban United Nations system-wide strategy;

3. *Requests* the Executive Director to actively provide support to Member States by means of normative guidance, technical assistance and strategic partnerships to contribute to the achievement of the goals of the Paris Agreement, and further requests the Executive Director to strengthen collaboration with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change towards its 7th assessment cycle and the special report on cities and climate change;

4. *Encourages* the Executive Director to explore with the Presidency of the twenty-seventh session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change the possibility of the convening of a housing and urban development ministerial meeting on cities and climate change to be held on the margins of the twenty-seventh session of the Conference of the Parties and to highlight the importance of climate action in urban areas in the development and achievement of nationally determined contributions;

5. *Welcomes* the past and ongoing work in advancing inclusive participatory processes, which put people at the centre of community driven approaches to contribute to resilient human settlements and advance the implementation of the New Urban

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<sup>10</sup> HSP/EB.2022/8.

<sup>11</sup> HSP/EB.2022/5.

Agenda, including in countries affected by conflict and disasters, as exemplified by the Afghanistan People's Process, and recommends the further use of this approach when appropriate;

6. *Taking note* of UN Habitat's key role in supporting governments at all levels and building their capacity to manage urban displacement;

7. *Recalling* resolution 26/2 of the 26<sup>th</sup> session of the Governing Council entitled enhancing UN-Habitat's role in urban crisis response, the Strategic Plan for 2020-2023 and the 2022 work programme of UN-Habitat and drawing on UN-Habitat's strong experience and expertise in the humanitarian, development and peace nexus and UN-Habitat's role in urban crisis response;

8. *Requests* the Executive Director, in line with the mandate of the programme and also in line with paragraph 7, to support the efforts of reconstruction of the human settlements in countries affected by conflict and disasters and including those leading to the displacement of people through a comprehensive whole of system response and to use all relevant tools at her disposal to engage with new countries affected by conflicts and disasters, such as Ukraine, and continue to provide assistance to countries, territories and areas affected by conflict and disasters as reflected in Annex 1 herein, in particular urban profiling to assess the needs, vulnerabilities and capacities of urban areas and establishment of urban recovery frameworks when relevant and subject to the availability of funding.

**(b) Preparations for and follow-up to the eleventh session of the World Urban Forum**

9. *Welcomes* the report of the Executive Director on the preparations for the eleventh session of the World Urban Forum;<sup>12</sup>

10. *Welcomes* the selection of the City of Cairo, Egypt to host the 12<sup>th</sup> session of the World Urban Forum (WUF12) in 2024.

**(c) High-level meeting of the General Assembly on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda**

11. *Welcomes* efforts by UN-Habitat to support the development of the Secretary-General's quadrennial report on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and other meetings related to the preparations of the high-level meeting and *takes note* that the outcome of the high-level meeting may inform deliberations at the ECOSOC and the second committee of the General Assembly in 2022, the World Urban Forum in 2022, the twenty-seventh session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in November 2022; and the second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly in June 2023;

**(d) Implementation by UN-Habitat of reforms of the development system and management of the United Nations**

12. *Welcomes* efforts by UN-Habitat to contribute to the implementation of the reform of the United Nations development system, utilizing the UN systemwide strategy for sustainable urban development, to assist UNDP, UNICEF, and other UN entities to achieve the urban dimensions of their respective mandates, and to elevate urban policy in the Chief Executives Board, Senior Management Group, Executive Board, UN Sustainable Development Group, and Inter-Agency Standing Committee among other inter-agency mechanisms;

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<sup>12</sup> HSP/EB.2022/6.

13. *Recognizes* the importance of the Secretariat's 2020 organizational structure to facilitate at country level the implementation of the United Nations system-wide strategy on sustainable urban development and, noting the funding challenges to support the implementation of the strategy at the regional level through the support of regional structures and Resident Coordinators in the development of joint urban programming, encourages Member States and UN-Habitat partners to provide funding to enable UN-Habitat to further contribute to the implementation of the UN sustainable development cooperation framework.

**Draft decision 2022/C: Methods of work of the Executive Board and the workplan of the Executive Board for 2022**

*The Executive Board,*

**(a) Reports of the Executive Board and its ad hoc working groups**

1. *Adopts* the report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme on the work of its second session of 2021;<sup>13</sup>
2. *Takes note* of the briefing by the chair of the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters on the work of that working group;
3. *Also takes note* of the briefing by the chair of the ad hoc working group on the development of a draft stakeholder engagement policy;

**(b) Working methods of the Executive Board to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the meetings of the Board**

4. *Takes note* of the results of the survey conducted by the Secretariat following the second session of the Executive Board of 2021 to evaluate the effectiveness of that session, so as to further improve the process and outcome of future sessions;<sup>14</sup>

**(c) Dates and provisional agenda for the second session of 2022 of the Executive Board**

5. *Decides* that the second session of 2022 of the Executive Board will be held for a duration of three days subject to the availability of funds between 15 and 17 November 2022;
6. *Also decides* that the provisional agenda for the second session of 2022 shall be as follows:
  1. Opening of the session.
  2. Organizational matters:
    - (a) Adoption of the agenda and the workplan for the second session of 2022;
    - (b) Adoption of the report of the first session of 2022.
  3. Reports of the ad hoc working groups established by the Executive Board.
  4. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters, including the implementation of the resource mobilization strategy in

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<sup>13</sup> HSP/EB.2021/21.

<sup>14</sup> HSP/EB.2022/INF.2.

accordance with the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023 and action by UN-Habitat to address geographical and gender imbalances in the composition of its staff.

5. Consideration of the draft work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2023.
6. Annual report for 2021 on the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023.
7. Implementation of the normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, including reporting on the programmatic activities of UN-Habitat in 2021 and the implementation of subprogrammes, flagship programmes and technical cooperation activities, and update on the response of UN-Habitat to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic and UN-Habitat engagement in countries, territories and areas affected by conflicts and disasters
8. Outcome of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda.
9. Outcome of the eleventh session of the World Urban Forum.
10. Update by the Executive Director on the preparations for the second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme.
11. Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services to the Executive Board.
12. Report of the Ethics Office to the Executive Board.
13. Working methods of the Executive board including review of the survey results following the first Executive Board session of 2022
14. Briefing by the Joint Inspection Unit on the findings of the management and administration review of UN-Habitat.
15. Consideration and adoption of the outcomes of the session, including the provisional agenda for the first session of 2023 of the Executive Board.
16. Other matters.
17. Closure of the session.

**Draft decision 2022/D: Election of officers of the Bureau of the Executive Board for the term 2022–2023**

*The Executive Board,*

*Decides* to elect from among its members, with terms of office from the end of the first session of 2022 to the end of the first session of 2023, taking into consideration the need to ensure equitable geographical representation, the new Bureau of the Executive Board of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, as follows:

Chair:           Brazil (Latin American and Caribbean States)

Vice-Chairs: Poland (Eastern European States)

Kenya (African States)

Pakistan (Asia-Pacific States)

Rapporteur: France (Western European and other States)

## Annex 1

1. Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
2. People's Republic of Bangladesh
3. Kingdom of Cambodia,
4. Democratic Republic of the Congo
5. Republic of Haiti
6. Islamic Republic of Iran,
7. Republic of Iraq,
8. Republic of Fiji,
9. Republic of Honduras,
10. Lao People's Democratic Republic
11. Republic of Lebanon,
12. State of Libya ,
13. Kosovo<sup>15</sup>
14. Islamic Republic of Pakistan,
15. State of Palestine,
16. Republic of the Philippines,
17. Republic of Mozambique,
18. Republic of the Union of Myanmar,
19. Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal
20. Federal Republic of Nigeria
21. Somali Republic
22. Republic of South Sudan,
23. Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
24. Syrian Arab Republic
25. Sudan,
26. Yemen

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<sup>15</sup> Any reference to Kosovo in United Nations documents and United Nations websites, whether to the territory, institutions or population, is to be understood in full compliance with Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo. Kosovo is therefore not listed as a country.