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Draft report of the Committee of the Whole at the second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly

Human Settlements

Programme

Introduction

1. At the 2nd plenary meeting of its second session, on Monday, 5 June 2023, the United Nations Habitat Assembly (UN-Habitat Assembly) established a committee of the whole to consider agenda item 7, activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), including coordination matters, item 8, review of progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, item 9, report on the World Urban Forum, and item 11, discussions on the UN-Habitat strategic plan. The Assembly further decided to establish an ad hoc open-ended drafting committee to consider the draft resolutions, draft decision and a draft ministerial declaration prepared by the Committee of Permanent Representatives at its second open-ended meeting, and that the drafting committee, upon the conclusion of its work, would forward the draft resolutions, draft decision and draft ministerial declaration to the Committee of the Whole for approval and onward transmission to the Assembly for its consideration and possible adoption.

2. In accordance with the decision of the UN-Habitat Assembly, the Committee of the Whole held [--] meetings between Tuesday, 6 June, and [--] 2023. As decided by the UN-Habitat Assembly, the Committee was chaired by Damptey Bediako Asare (Ghana).

I. Opening of the meeting

3. The Chair of the Committee of the Whole opened the meeting at 10.20 a.m. on Tuesday, 6 June 2023. Following the opening of the meeting, the Committee agreed to consider issues in the following order: transfer of draft resolutions to the drafting committee; presentation and discussion on agenda item 7; presentation and discussion on agenda item 8; presentation and discussion on agenda item 9; presentation and discussion on agenda item 11; review of draft resolutions from the drafting committee; adoption of the report of the Committee of the Whole; closure of the meeting.

II. Transfer of draft resolutions to the drafting committee

4. The Committee agreed to transfer the draft resolutions, decisions and draft ministerial declaration contained in the documents before the Committee to the drafting committee for its consideration.

III. Activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, including coordination matters (agenda item 7)

5. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the information set out in documents HSP/HA.2/4, HSP/HA.2/4/Add.1, HSP/HA.2/4/Add.2, HSP/HA.2/4/Add.3, HSP/HA.2/INF/2 and HSP/HA.2/INF/3.

6. The Deputy Executive Director of UN-Habitat, Michal Mlynár, delivered a statement and another representative of the secretariat gave a presentation.

IV. Review of progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (agenda item 8)

7. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the information set out in document HSP/HA.2/5 as well as the summary by the President of the seventy-sixth session of the General Assembly of the high-level meeting to assess progress on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda.

8. A representative of the secretariat delivered a presentation.

9. Following the presentation, statements were made by the representatives of France, Israel and the United States of America. The Deputy Executive Director and the representative of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.

V. Report on the World Urban Forum (agenda item 9)

10. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the reports set out in documents HSP/HA.2/6 and HSP/HA.2/INF/4–6.

11. In her capacity as host of the eleventh session of the World Urban Forum, the Secretary of State of Poland, Małgorzata Jarosińska-Jedynak, delivered a statement. The Deputy Executive Director also delivered a statement and a representative of the secretariat made a presentation.

12. Following the presentation, statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation and the United States.

VI. Discussions on the UN-Habitat strategic plan (agenda item 11)

13. At the 2nd plenary meeting, held in the afternoon of Tuesday, 6 June 2023, the Chair introduced the item and drew attention to the reports set out in documents HSP/HA.2/8, HSP/HA.1/7 and HSP/HA.2/10.

14. A representative of the secretariat delivered a statement and another representative of the secretariat delivered a presentation.

15. Statements were made by the representatives of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Kenya.

VII. Review of draft resolutions from the drafting committee

16. [to be completed]

VIII. Adoption of the report

17. [to be completed]

IX. Closure of the meeting

18. [to be completed]