Summary

At its forty-eighth regular meeting, held on 20 March 2013, the Committee of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) adopted its intersessional report for the period 2011–2013, which it hereby submits to the Governing Council at its twenty-fourth session for its consideration.
I. Introduction

1. The Committee of Permanent Representatives to UN-Habitat, the intersessional subsidiary body of the Governing Council, held the following regular meetings during the period between the Governing Council’s twenty-third session (11 to 15 April 2011) and its twenty-fourth session (15 to 19 April 2013):

(a) Meetings during 2011:
Forty-first regular meeting – 22 June 2011;
Forty-second regular meeting – 7 September 2011;

(b) Meetings during 2012:
Forty-fourth regular meeting – 3 April 2012;
Forty-fifth regular meeting – 28 June 2012;
Forty-sixth regular meeting – 24 October 2012;
Forty-seventh regular meeting – 19 December 2012.

(c) Meetings during 2013:

II. Members of the Bureau of the Committee of Permanent Representatives

2. The members of the Bureau during the period 2010–2011 were:
   Ms. Yvonne Khamati-Kilonzo (Kenya) – Chair;
   Mr. Masoud Gharanfoli (Islamic Republic of Iran) – Vice-Chair;
   Mr. Sergey Trepelkov (Russian Federation) – Vice-Chair;
   Mr. Joe Murphy – Vice-Chair;
   Mr. Konrad Paulsen (Chile) – Rapporteur.

3. The members of the Bureau during the period 2012–2013 are:
   Mr. Chan-woo Kim (Republic of Korea) – Chair;
   Ms. Yvonne Khamati-Kilonzo-Vice-Chair who was replaced later in the year by Mr. George Owuor (Kenya) – Vice-Chair upon her departure;
   Mr. Sergey Trepelkov (Russian Federation) – Vice-Chair;
   Mr. Konrad Paulsen (Chile) – Vice-Chair;
   Mr. Joseph Murphy (USA) – Rapporteur who was replaced later in the year by Ms. Lynette Poulton Kamakura (U.S.A.) – Rapporteur.

III. Summary of the meetings of the Committee of Permanent Representatives in 2011

A. Forty-first regular meeting, 22 June 2011

4. At the forty-first regular meeting, the Executive Director noted that since the twenty-third session of the Governing Council, the secretariat had focused on internal reorganization and an in-depth review of the portfolio of UN-Habitat products and services. The representative of the secretariat mentioned that the Governing Council had adopted 18 resolutions at its twenty-third session, from which UN-Habitat work in the lead-up to the twenty-fourth session would emanate. The Executive Director presented the six-monthly progress report on the implementation of the Medium-Term Strategic and Institutional Plan highlighting significant achievements over the previous six months and work in progress. The Executive Director presented the quarterly report on the financial status of UN-Habitat and the Progress report on the preparations for the Sixth Session of the World Urban Forum. The Executive Director also made reference to the draft road map for the preparation of a Strategic Plan for the period 2014–2019, as requested by the Governing Council in its resolution 23/11. The Co-Chair of the Governance Review Process presented the progress report on the process.
B. Forty-second regular meeting, 7 September 2011

5. At the start of the forty-second regular meeting, the Committee observed a minute of silence to pay tribute to the victims of the recent attack on the United Nations house in Abuja. Elections were held to replace the departing member of the Bureau of the Committee of Permanent Representatives for the biennium 2010–2011 for the office of Vice-Chair. The Executive Director of UN-Habitat noted that significant progress had been made with the organizational review process. The Executive Director gave an Update on preparations for the 2012 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development while reporting on the preparations for the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly. The Executive Director presented the first six-monthly report on UN-Habitat country activities while drawing attention to the quarterly report on the financial status of UN-Habitat. The Executive Director then gave a Progress report on the preparations for the Sixth Session of the World Urban Forum. The Co-chair of the Open-Ended Consultative Group on the UN-Habitat Governance Review Process presented the progress report made by the Group.

C. Forty-third regular meeting, 15 December 2011

6. The forty-third regular meeting saw the Election of the Bureau of the Committee of the Permanent Representatives for the biennium 2012–2013. The Executive Director introduced the new Deputy Executive Director of UN-Habitat. The Executive Director then described relevant developments at the Sixty-Sixth Session of the General Assembly and summarized the progress made in the preparations for the Sixth Session of the World Urban Forum. The chair of the Open-Ended Contact Group on the preparation of the Strategic Plan for 2014–2019, provided an update on progress in the Group’s work. The Executive Director presented the quarterly report on the financial status of UN-Habitat. He stressed that compared with 2010 the programme was financially stable. The Co-Chair of the Open-Ended Consultative Group on the Governance Review Process provided a progress report on its work.

IV. Summary of the meetings of the Committee of Permanent Representatives in 2012

A. Forty-fourth regular meeting, 3 April 2012

7. At the forty-fourth regular meeting, the Executive Director briefed the Committee in a statement outlining progress made in the organizational review and the preparations for the Sixth Session of the World Urban Forum. The Executive Director gave a presentation on the financial status of UN-Habitat stressing that the Programme’s financial situation had greatly improved over the past year. The representative of the secretariat introduced the six-monthly progress report on the implementation of the medium-term strategic and institutional plan. The Executive Director presented the six-monthly country activities report. The Chair of the Open-Ended Consultative Group on the Governance Review Process provided a progress report on the Group’s work. The Chair of the Open-Ended Contact Group on the Strategic Plan for 2014–2019 also provided an update on the Group’s work.

B. Forty-fifth regular meeting, 28 June 2012

8. At the forty-fifth regular meeting, the Executive Director, provided an update on the progress made in the organizational reform and in preparations for the Sixth Session of the World Urban Forum and outlined the highlights and outcomes of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012. The Executive Director then provided an overview of the financial status of UN-Habitat. The Chair of the Open-Ended Consultative Group on the Governance Review provided a progress report on the governance review process. The Chair of the Open-Ended Contact Group on the preparation of the strategic plan gave an overview of the progress and highlighted the spirit of trust, goodwill and cooperation that had characterized the collaboration between the secretariat and the Committee members.
C. Forty-sixth regular meeting, 24 October 2012

9. At the forty-sixth regular meeting, the Executive Director gave a briefing on the sixth session of the World Urban Forum and the opening of the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly. The Executive Director made mention of the well-organized visit to Mozambique which had been extremely informative and productive. The Executive Director delivered the quarterly report on the financial status of UN-Habitat in which he acknowledged the efforts of UN-Habitat staff towards cost reduction and mentioned that the resource mobilization strategy was in place. He also expressed gratitude for pledges made and received from partners of UN-Habitat. The six-monthly progress report on the implementation of the medium-term strategic and institutional plan was then delivered by the Executive Director after which he delivered the six-monthly country activities report. The Chair of the open-ended consultative group on the governance review process then provided an overview of progress in the governance review process.

D. Forty-seventh regular meeting, 19 December 2012

10. At the forty-seventh regular meeting, Ms. Lynette Poulton Kamakura (United States of America) was elected as Rapporteur of the Bureau of the Committee for the biennium 2012–2013. The Executive Director went on to highlight issues relevant to the third United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat III). The Executive Director then provided an overview of missions he had undertaken in November and December, including missions to Rabat, Dakar and to Amman after which he emphasized the importance of the post-2015 United Nations development agenda citing that UN-Habitat had an important role to play in ensuring that human settlements issues of the UN were adequately reflected in the sustainable development goals. In the Quarterly report, the Executive Director updated members on the financial status of UN-Habitat after which the Vice-Chair of the open-ended consultative group on the governance review process presented the progress report on the governance review process. On behalf of the Chair, the rapporteur of the working group presented the Proposed work programme and budget for the biennium 2014–2015.

V. Summary of meetings of the Committee of Permanent Representatives in 2013

Forty-eighth regular meeting, 20 March 2013

11. To be held.

VI. Working groups of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, 2011–2012

The following working groups were activated during 2011 by the Bureau of the Committee on 19 August 2011:

(a) Working group on preparations for the sixth session of the World Urban Forum, chaired by Mr. Masoud Gharanfoli (Iran);

(b) Working group on the preparations of the Strategic Plan for 2014-2019, chaired by Ms. Yvonne Khamati (Kenya);

(d) Working group on the Governance Review Process, chaired by H.E. Mr. Konrad Paulsen (Chile);

(e) Working group on the Implementation of the GC23 resolutions, chaired by Mr. Sergey Trepelkov (Russian Federation).

The following working groups were activated during 2012 by the Bureau of the Committee on 17 January 2012:

(a) Preparations for the Sixth session of the World Urban Forum (WUF6) chaired by chaired by Mr. George Owuor (Kenya);

(b) Working group on the Preparations of the Strategic Plan for 2014-2015 and the Strategic Framework for 2014-2019 chaired by Mr. Joseph Murphy (U.S.A.);

(c) Working group on the Governance Review Process chaired by H.E. Mr. Konrad Paulsen (Chile);
(d) Working group on the draft Medium Term Strategic and Institutional Plan and on the Implementation of the GC23 resolutions chaired by Mr. Sergey Trepelkov (Russian Federation).

(e) Working group on preparations for the Governing Council as well as preparations for the Work Programme and Budget chaired by Ms. Lynette Poulton (U.S.A.)

1. Draft resolutions prepared by the Committee for the Governing Council at its twenty-fourth session are contained in document HSP/GC/24/3/Add.1. - To be submitted.