



Twenty-fourth session
Nairobi, 15–19 April 2013
Item 4 of the provisional agenda *
Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Provisional agenda

Addendum

Annotations to the provisional agenda, including organization of work

Note by the secretariat

Item 1. Opening of the meeting

1. The twenty-fourth session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) will be opened at 10 a.m. on Monday, 15 April 2013, by the President of the Governing Council at its twenty-third session or, in his absence, by one of the other officers of the Governing Council at its twenty-third session. The list of current members of the Governing Council is set out in annex I to the present note.

Item 2. Election of officers

2. In accordance with rule 17 of its rules of procedure, the Governing Council will elect a president, three vice-presidents and a rapporteur. The geographical distribution of officers elected at previous sessions of the Governing Council is set out in annex II to the present note.

Documentation

Addendum: Annotations to the provisional agenda, including organization of work (HSP/GC/24/1/Add.1: paragraphs 2 and 3 of annex III) – **for decision**

Item 3. Credentials

3. Under rule 16 of the rules of procedure of the Governing Council, the credentials of representatives must be submitted to the Executive Director at the latest before the end of the first meeting of a session of the Governing Council. The Bureau must then examine such credentials and report on them without delay to the Governing Council.

Item 4. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

4. Under this item, the Governing Council will adopt its agenda for the twenty-fourth session and thereafter decide on the organization of work for the session. The provisional agenda was approved by the Governing Council at its twenty-third session, held in Nairobi from 11 to 15 April 2011. Notes by the Executive Director proposing an organizational structure and a timetable for the twenty-fourth session appear in annexes III and IV to the present note.

* HSP/GC/24/1.

Documentation

Provisional agenda (HSP/GC/24/1) – **for decision**

Addendum: Annotations to the provisional agenda, including organization of work (HSP/GC/24/1/Add.1) – **for decision**

List of documents before the Governing Council (HSP/GC/24/INF/1) – **for information**

Item 5. Activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, including coordination matters

5. Under this item, the Executive Director will report to the Governing Council on, among other things, the implementation of the mandate and work programme of UN-Habitat and on the implementation of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Governing Council at its previous sessions.

Documentation

Activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme: Report of the Executive Director (HSP/GC/24/2) – **for decision**

Addendum: Review of the governance structure of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme: Report of the Executive Director (HSP/GC/24/2/Add.1) – **for decision**

Addendum: Report of the Executive Director on the sixth session of the World Urban Forum (HSP/GC/24/2/Add.2) – **for decision**

Addendum: Third United Nations conference on housing and sustainable urban development: Report of the Executive Director (HSP/GC/24/2/Add.3) – **for decision**

Addendum: Joint progress report of the executive directors of the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (HSP/GC/24/2/Add.4) – **for decision**

Addendum: Cooperation with agencies and organizations within the United Nations system, intergovernmental organizations outside the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations: Report of the Executive Director (HSP/GC/24/2/Add.5) – **for decision**

Addendum: Global housing strategy framework document: Report of the Executive Director (HSP/GC/24/2/Add.6) – **for decision**

Addendum: UN-Habitat commitment to the human rights-based approach: Report of the Executive Director (HSP/GC/24/2/Add.7) – **for decision**

Addendum: Coordinated implementation of the guidelines on access to basic services for all and the guidelines on decentralization and strengthening of local authorities: Report of the Executive Director (HSP/GC/24/2/Add.8) – **for decision**

Report of the Committee of Permanent Representatives on its work during the intersessional period (HSP/GC/24/3) – **for decision**

Addendum: Draft resolutions prepared by the Committee of Permanent Representatives (HSP/GC/24/3/Add.1) – **for decision**

Report of the World Urban Forum at its sixth session (HSP/GC/24/INF/2) – **for information**
Country activities report 2013: Report of the Executive Director (HSP/GC/24/INF/3) – **for information**

Item 6. Dialogue on the special theme for the twenty-fourth session of the Governing Council

6. Pursuant to Governing Council resolution 20/21 of April 2005, the Bureau of the Committee of Permanent Representatives recommended to the Bureau of the Governing Council for the twenty-third session that the theme of the twenty-fourth session should be “Sustainable urban development: the role of cities in creating improved economic opportunities for all, with special reference to youth and gender”. Accordingly, the Governing Council will have for its consideration a report by the Executive Director on that special theme.

Documentation

Dialogue on the special theme for the twenty-fourth session of the Governing Council: sustainable urban development: the role of cities in creating improved economic opportunities for all, with special reference to youth and gender: Theme paper by the Executive Director (HSP/GC/24/4) – **for decision**

Item 7. Work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for the biennium 2014–2015

7. The work programme of UN-Habitat is synchronized with the budgetary cycle of the United Nations as a whole. Consequently, the current 2012–2013 work programme will end on 31 December 2013. Accordingly, the Executive Director will submit a proposed work programme and budget for the biennium 2014–2015 to the Governing Council for its consideration at its twenty-fourth session.

Documentation

Proposed work programme and budget for the biennium 2014–2015: Report of the Executive Director (HSP/GC/24/5) – **for decision**

Addendum: Progress report on the implementation of the medium-term strategic and institutional plan for the period 2008–2013: Report of the Executive Director (HSP/GC/24/5/Add.1) – **for decision**

Addendum: Draft strategic plan 2014–2019 of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme: Report of the Executive Director (HSP/GC/24/5/Add.2) – **for decision**

Addendum: Gender equality and empowerment of women in sustainable urban development: Report of the Executive Director (HSP/GC/24/5/Add.3) – **for decision**

Addendum: Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions: Note by the Secretariat (HSP/GC/24/5/Add.4) – **for decision**

Status of voluntary contributions to the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation as at 1 March 2013: Note by the secretariat (HSP/GC/24/INF/4) – **for information**

United Nations Human Settlements Programme: financial report for the biennium ended 31 December 2012 and report of the Board of Auditors: Note by the secretariat (HSP/GC/24/INF/5) – **for information**

Item 8. Provisional agenda and other arrangements for the twenty-fifth session of the Governing Council

8. Under this item, the Governing Council will adopt a provisional agenda for its twenty-fifth session and decide on the date and other arrangements for that session.

Documentation

Provisional agenda and other arrangements for the twenty-fifth session of the Governing Council (HSP/GC/24/6) – **for decision**

Item 9. Other matters

9. Under this item, the Governing Council will consider matters which, although not covered under any particular agenda item, are believed to merit its attention.

Item 10. Adoption of the report of the session

10. In accordance with paragraph 7 of section I A of General Assembly resolution 56/206 of 21 December 2001, the Governing Council will adopt the report on the work of its twenty-fourth session for submission to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council.

Item 11. Closure of the session

11. It is expected that the Governing Council will conclude its work by 2 p.m. on Friday, 19 April 2013.

Annex I**Membership of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme as from 1 January 2013 (58 members)*****African States (16)**

Algeria (2014)
 Benin (2016)
 Burkina Faso (2015)
 Central African Republic (2014)
 Congo (2015)
 Gabon (2014)
 Lesotho (2015)
 Madagascar (2016)
 Mali (2014)
 Morocco (2016)
 Mozambique (2014)
 Nigeria (2014)
 Somalia (2016)
 South Africa (2015)
 Uganda (2016)
 United Republic of Tanzania (2015)

Latin American and Caribbean States (10)

Antigua and Barbuda (2016)
 Argentina (2014)
 El Salvador (2016)
 Brazil (2015)
 Chile (2014)
 Colombia (2016)
 Grenada (2014)
 Haiti (2015)
 Mexico (2015)
 Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) (2014)

Eastern European States (6)

Albania (2014)
 Russian Federation (2014)

Four vacant seats

Western European and other States (13)

Finland (2014)
 Germany (2015)
 Israel (2015)
 Italy (2015)
 Spain (2016)
 Sweden (2014)
 Turkey (2014)
 United States of America (2014)

Five vacant seats

Asia-Pacific States (13)

Bahrain (2015)
 Bangladesh (2016)
 China (2016)
 India (2015)
 Indonesia (2014)
 Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2014)
 Japan (2014)
 Jordan (2015)
 Pakistan (2014)
 Republic of Korea (2016)
 Saudi Arabia (2015)
 Sri Lanka (2016)
 Thailand (2015)

* Terms of office expire on 31 December of the years indicated. The information contained in this table was provided by the Economic and Social Council and reflects membership status as at 20 December 2012.

Annex II

Geographical distribution of officers elected at previous sessions of the Governing Council of UN-Habitat

<i>Year</i>	<i>Session of the Governing Council</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Vice-Presidents</i>	<i>Rapporteur</i>
1978	First	Western European and other States (Sweden)	African States (Malawi) Eastern European States (Poland) Latin American States (Mexico)	Asian States (Philippines)
1979	Second	African States (Kenya)	Asian States (Pakistan) Latin American States (Mexico) Western European and other States (Sweden)	Eastern European States (Poland)
1980	Third	Latin American States (Mexico)	African States (Nigeria) Asian States (Iraq) Eastern European States (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)	Western European and other States (Netherlands)
1981	Fourth	Asian States (Philippines)	African States (Lesotho) Eastern European States (Hungary) Western European and other States (Federal Republic of Germany)	Latin American States (Jamaica)
1982	Fifth	Eastern European States (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)	Asian States (Sri Lanka) Latin American States (Jamaica) Western European and other States (Canada)	African States (Egypt)
1983	Sixth	Western European and other States (Finland)	African States (Zambia) Eastern European States (Bulgaria) Latin American States (Argentina)	Asian States (Bangladesh)
1984	Seventh	African States (Gabon)	Asian States (India) Latin American States (Chile) Western European and other States (United States of America)	Eastern European States (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)

1985	Eighth	Latin American States (Jamaica)	African States (Tunisia) Asian States (Sri Lanka) Eastern European States (Hungary)	Western European and other States (Greece)
1986	Ninth	Western European and other States (Turkey)	African States (Kenya) Asian States (Bangladesh) Eastern European States (Poland)	Latin American States (Chile)
1987	Tenth	Eastern European States (Bulgaria)	Asian States (Indonesia) Latin American States (Colombia) Western European and other States (Finland)	African States (Kenya)
1988	Eleventh	Asian States (India)	African States (Botswana) Latin American States (Brazil) Western European and other States (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)	Eastern European States (Poland)
1989	Twelfth	Latin American States (Colombia)	African States (Gabon) Eastern European States (Hungary) Western European and other States (United States of America)	Asian States (Sri Lanka)
1991	Thirteenth	African States (Zimbabwe)	Asian States (Sri Lanka) Eastern European States (Soviet Union) Latin American States (Brazil)	Western European and other States (Netherlands)
1993	Fourteenth	Western European and other States (Finland)	African States (Uganda) Asian States (Philippines) Eastern European States (Romania)	Latin American States (Chile)
1995	Fifteenth	Eastern European States (Russian Federation)	Asian States (Indonesia) Latin American States (Venezuela) Western European and other States (United Kingdom)	African States (Cameroon)
1997	Sixteenth	Asian States (Bangladesh)	African States (Kenya) Latin American States (Mexico) Western European and other States (Norway)	Eastern European States (Romania)
1999	Seventeenth	Latin American States	African States (Senegal) Eastern European States (Bulgaria)	Asian States (Iran (Islamic Republic of))

		(Colombia)	Western European and other States (Sweden)	
2001	Eighteenth	African States (Algeria)	Asian States (Bangladesh) Eastern European States (Russian Federation) Latin American States (Argentina)	Western European and other States (Turkey)
2003	Nineteenth	Western European and other States (Sweden)	African States (Malawi) Asian States (Sri Lanka) Eastern European States (Poland)	Latin American States (Chile)
2005	Twentieth	Eastern European States (Czech Republic)	Asian States (Philippines) Latin American States (Argentina) Western European and other States (Germany)	African States (Nigeria)
2007	Twenty-first	Asian States (India)	African States (Uganda) Latin American States (Argentina) Western European and other States (Canada)	Eastern European States (Russian Federation)
2009	Twenty-second	Latin American States (Jamaica)	African States (Zambia) Eastern European States (Czech Republic) Western European and other States (Germany)	Asian States (Pakistan)
2011	Twenty-third	African States (Rwanda)	Asian States (China) Eastern European States (Russian Federation) Latin American States (Chile)	Western European and other States (Finland)

Under the principle of geographical rotation provided for in paragraph 2 of rule 17 of the rules of procedure of the Governing Council, the following regional groups should provide candidates for the offices in question for the twenty-fourth session of the Governing Council:

2013	Twenty-fourth	Western European and other States	African States Asia-Pacific States Eastern European States	Latin American States
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Annex III

Proposed organizational arrangements for the twenty-fourth session of the Governing Council of UN-Habitat

Note by the Executive Director

1. The Governing Council may wish to adopt, for the efficient conduct of its work during its twenty-fourth session, the proposed organizational arrangements set out below. This proposal has been prepared in line with the recommendations of resolution 20/21 on the organization and themes for future sessions of the Governing Council, by which the Council called upon the Committee of Permanent Representatives to UN-Habitat, acting as the intersessional subsidiary body of the Council, to recommend to the Council further proposals for improving the structure and organization of the twenty-first and future sessions of the Council. At its twenty-third meeting, on 7 December 2006, the Committee approved a set of such proposals for the twenty-first session and all future sessions that is reflected in the present note, in particular with regard to the high-level segment, the dialogue and the theme.

A. Bureau

2. In accordance with rule 17 of the rules of procedure, the Bureau should comprise a president, three vice-presidents and a rapporteur, elected with due regard to the principle of equitable geographical distribution by rotation among the regional groups of States. Annex II shows the geographical distribution of Bureau members at previous Governing Council sessions.

3. As provided for in rule 18, one vice-president should be designated to chair the sessional committee of the whole referred to in paragraph 17 below. The remaining two vice-presidents would assist the president directly in his or her duties in plenary meetings and in the chairing of the ad hoc drafting committee referred to in paragraph 18 below.

B. Plenary

4. Following consultations with the Bureau, it is recommended that work in the plenary meetings should be divided into two segments: first, a high-level segment, with interventions primarily by ministers and other heads of delegation, which would be held on the first and second days; and, second, a dialogue of Governments with local authorities and other Habitat Agenda partners, to be held on the third day. It should be noted that part of the morning meeting on the first day will be devoted to organizational matters.

C. High-level segment

5. It is suggested that the high-level segment focus its discussions on the theme and the theme paper for the session, along with aspects related to item 5 of the provisional agenda (activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, including coordination matters) and item 7 (work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for the biennium 2014–2015).

6. It may be recalled that, by its resolution 20/21, the Governing Council decided that the theme of the dialogue should establish a link between the high-level segment and the dialogue of Governments with local authorities and other Habitat Agenda partners and provide for cohesion in the policy discussions in plenary meetings.

7. To accommodate the 60 to 80 delegations that normally attend the Governing Council sessions, it is recommended that, during the high-level segment, each delegation be allowed a maximum of five minutes of speaking time and that this limit be strictly adhered to.

8. In establishing the list of speakers for the high-level segment, precedence will be given to ministers and deputy ministers. They will be followed by other heads of governmental delegations, then by a limited number of representatives of local authorities and other Habitat Agenda partners, in accordance with rules 64 and 65 of the rules of procedure.

D. Dialogue with local authorities and other partners

9. It should be recalled that, in paragraph 2 of its resolution 16/12, the Governing Council decided to provide, at future sessions, opportunities for partners to engage in a dialogue among themselves and with Governments. Such dialogues may, as appropriate, serve as an input to the deliberations of the Governing Council.

10. In line with the relevant paragraphs of resolution 20/21 (see annex VI), the Executive Director of UN-Habitat, in consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives, advised the Bureau of the Governing Council for the twenty-third session that the theme for the twenty-fourth session should be “Sustainable urban development: the role of cities in creating improved economic opportunities for all, with special reference to youth and gender”. The President of the Governing Council, on behalf of the Bureau, concurred with that recommendation.

11. In pursuance of the above resolutions and with a view to increasing the participation in, and contribution of local authorities and other partners to, the work of the Governing Council and towards the attainment of common goals to achieve the implementation of the Habitat Agenda, the relevant Millennium Development Goals and the aims outlined in the 2005 World Summit Outcome, arrangements have been made for a dialogue with local authorities and other partners to be held during the plenary meeting on the third day (see annex IV). That dialogue, which will be on the above-mentioned theme, will be based on the format followed by Committee II at the second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), whereby representatives of partner groups will be given an opportunity to make a substantive presentation, followed by a dialogue or discussion between Governments and partners on those presentations.

12. To that end, local authorities and other partners are encouraged to submit, in advance, a written summary of their presentation to the Secretariat for distribution to all participants ahead of the meeting.

13. It is expected that the presentations to be made by representatives of local authorities and other partners will be the outcome of consultations by those groups with non-governmental organizations, parliamentarians, the private sector, professionals, researchers and labour unions. Arrangements will be made for local authorities and each group of partners, should they so wish, to hold consultations in Nairobi immediately prior to the session, or at a time and venue of their choice.

14. Detailed information on the organization of the dialogue will be provided at a later date.

E. Summary by the President

15. At the end of the high-level segment and the dialogue, the President, drawing on the deliberations of those two plenary meetings, will prepare a summary of the main issues raised in the high-level segment and the conclusions or recommendations made during the dialogue. That summary will reflect the main thrust of the discussions and key positions set out during the two segments and will be submitted for endorsement to a plenary meeting. Any draft resolution that may emerge out of the discussions at those plenary meetings will be referred to the drafting committee for action.

16. Once endorsed by the Governing Council as an accurate reflection of discussions during the high-level segment and the dialogue and subsequent to the required legislative process, the conclusions and recommendations of the President will serve as guidelines for follow-up action by Governments, local authorities, other partners and the secretariat, specifically in support of the current areas of focus of the UN-Habitat work programme.

F. Sessional committee of the whole

17. Bearing in mind the organization of work for previous sessions of the Governing Council and the above recommendations on the work in plenary meetings, the Governing Council may wish to establish a sessional committee of the whole that would be accorded responsibility for the detailed consideration of agenda items 5, 7 and 8.

G. Drafting committee

18. At its nineteenth session, on an informal basis, the Governing Council established an ad hoc open-ended drafting committee, chaired by one of the vice-presidents, to pre-screen draft resolutions submitted by delegations with a view to merging, reconciling or clarifying them, as necessary, prior to their consideration by the Governing Council in plenary meeting. The Governing Council may wish to continue this practice, which was widely considered to have enhanced the efficiency of its work, with the report of the drafting committee first passing through the Committee of the Whole for endorsement prior to final adoption by the Governing Council.

H. Proposed timetable and agenda items

19. A proposed organization of work and timetable for the session is provided in annex IV, and a list of the agenda items for the session and corresponding documents is provided in annex V.

Annex IV**Proposed organization of work and timetable for the twenty-fourth session of the Governing Council of UN-Habitat**

Nairobi, 15–19 April 2013

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Committee of the Whole</i>	<i>Drafting Committee</i>
Monday, 15 April	a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening of the session Organizational matters: high-level segment: agenda items 1–4 	-	-
	p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High-level segment: agenda items 5–7 	Agenda item 5	-
Tuesday, 16 April	a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High-level segment: agenda items 5 and 6 	Agenda item 5	Consultations on draft resolutions
	p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High-level segment: agenda items 5 and 6 	Agenda item 7	
Wednesday, 17 April	a.m. and p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dialogue between Governments and other Habitat Agenda partners on the special theme: agenda item 6 (full day) 	Agenda item 7	Consultations on draft resolutions
Thursday, 18 April	a.m.	-	Agenda item 8	Consultations on draft resolutions
	p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of draft reports on items 5 and 7 and report on draft decision on item 8 		
Friday, 19 April	a.m. and p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summary by the Chair of the high-level segment and dialogue Draft reports of the plenary on items 1–4 Draft reports of the Committee of the Whole Report on draft resolutions and agenda items 8–11 		

Annex V

Provisional agenda and documentation for the twenty-fourth session of the Governing Council of UN-Habitat

A. Provisional agenda

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7. Work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for the biennium 2014–2015.
8. Provisional agenda and other arrangements for the twenty-fourth session of the Governing Council.
9. Other matters.
10. Adoption of the report of the session.
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B. List of documents before the twenty-fourth session of the Governing Council of UN-Habitat

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5	HSP/GC/24/2	Activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme: Report of the Executive Director
5	HSP/GC/24/2/Add.1	Addendum: Review of the governance structure of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme: Report of the Executive Director
5	HSP/GC/24/2/Add.2	Addendum: Report of the Executive Director on the sixth session of the World Urban Forum
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5	HSP/GC/24/2/Add.6	Addendum: Global housing strategy framework document: Report of the Executive Director
5	HSP/GC/24/2/Add.7	Addendum: UN-Habitat commitment to the human rights-based approach to development: Report of the Executive Director
5	HSP/GC/24/2/Add.8	Addendum: Coordinated implementation of the guidelines on access to basic services for all and the guidelines on decentralization and strengthening of local authorities: Report of the Executive Director
5	HSP/GC/24/INF/2	Report of the sixth session of the World Urban Forum
5	HSP/GC/24/INF/3	Country activities report 2013: Report of the Executive Director
5	HSP/GC/24/3	Report of the Committee of Permanent Representatives on its work during the intersessional period
5	HSP/GC/24/3/Add.1	Draft resolutions prepared by the Committee of Permanent Representatives: addendum to the report of the Committee of Permanent Representatives: Note by the secretariat
6	HSP/GC/24/4	Dialogue on the special theme for the twenty-fourth session of the Governing Council: sustainable urban development: the role of cities in creating improved economic opportunities for all, with special reference to youth and gender: Theme paper by the Executive Director
7	HSP/GC/24/5	Proposed work programme and budget for the biennium 2014–2015: Report of the Executive Director
7	HSP/GC/24/5/Add.1	Addendum: Progress report on the implementation of the medium-term strategic and institutional plan 2008–2013: Report of the Executive Director

<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Description</i>
7	HSP/GC/24/5/Add.2	Addendum: Draft strategic plan 2014–2019 of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme: Report of the Executive Director
7	HSP/GC/24/5/Add.3	Addendum: Gender equality and empowerment of women in sustainable urban development: Report of the Executive Director
7	HSP/GC/24/5/Add.4	Addendum: Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions: Note by the Secretariat
7	HSP/GC/24/INF/4	Status of voluntary contributions to the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation as at 1 March 2013: Note by the secretariat
7	HSP/GC/24/INF/5	United Nations Human Settlements Programme: financial report for the biennium ended 31 December 2012 and report of the Board of Auditors: Note by the secretariat
8	HSP/GC/24/6	Provisional agenda and other arrangements for the twenty-fifth session of the Governing Council

Annex VI

Resolution 20/21: Organization and themes for future sessions of the Governing Council

The Governing Council,

Recalling its resolution 5/15 of 7 May 1982, in which it decided to designate the subjects of the special themes of its sessions two years in advance,

Also recalling its resolution 16/12 of 7 May 1997, in which it decided to provide, at future sessions of the Council, opportunities for partners to engage in a dialogue among themselves and with Governments,

Further recalling its resolution 19/5 of 9 May 2003, in which it decided that a continuing focus of its twentieth and future sessions should be the implementation and monitoring of the goal of the United Nations Millennium Declaration¹ on improving the lives of slum-dwellers,

Noting that the World Urban Forum now provides an opportunity for extensive dialogue among Governments, local authorities and other Habitat Agenda partners,

Recognizing the importance during sessions of the Governing Council of a focused, interactive high-level segment on priority policy issues,

1. *Endorses* the recommendations of the Committee of Permanent Representatives on improving preparations for the Governing Council, which are contained in the appendix to the present resolution;

2. *Decides* that the special themes referred to in resolution 5/15 shall no longer be chosen two years in advance, but shall instead be selected by the Bureau of the Governing Council at least six months before the start of each session of the Governing Council, on the basis of advice from the Executive Director, in consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives, taking into account the outcome of the sessions of the World Urban Forum and the requirement for a continuing focus on the implementation and monitoring of the goal of the Millennium Declaration on improving the lives of slum dwellers;

3. *Also decides* that the high-level segment and the dialogues referred to in its resolution 16/12 should normally focus on those special themes and should constitute the substantive debate on the special themes;

4. *Requests* the Committee of Permanent Representatives to recommend to the Governing Council at its twenty-first session, through the Bureau of the Governing Council, further proposals for improving the structure and organizational arrangements of the twenty-first and future sessions of the Governing Council including, in particular, the high-level segment;

5. *Also requests* the Executive Director to prepare a background paper for use by the Committee of Permanent Representatives in complying with the request set forth in the preceding paragraph.

8 April 2005

¹ General Assembly resolution 55/2.