Introductory Statement by the Chair of the Subcommittees

Report on the Work of the Subcommittees

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Chair’s Statement

Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen

The Subcommittees of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR) held eight (8) meetings between 30\textsuperscript{th} April and 4 June 2013. These comprised of 6 Meetings of the Subcommittee on policy and programme of work and 2 meetings of the Subcommittee on Finance and Administration. A more detailed report of these meetings was sent to you on 4 June 2014 under document number HSP/CPR/53/8

Furthermore, from the time of sending out the detailed report on the work of the CPR Subcommittees work on 4 June 2014, two additional meetings of the subcommittee on Policy and Programme of work took place on the 9th and on the 16th of June 2014.

Excellencies,

Since January 2014, we have covered over 20 (twenty) meetings of the both CPR subcommittees. The meetings have enabled us to listen to and discuss the work of the Secretariat which covered all its seven subprogrammes, as well as progress in the implementation of various Governing Council resolutions which were passed during the 24\textsuperscript{th} session of the Governing Council and which required reporting by the Executive Director.

In addition, Members have been consistently briefed on the preparation for and the outcomes of key regional and global events in which UN-Habitat had been central in implementing such the 5\textsuperscript{th} Africa Ministerial
Conference on Housing and Urban Development (AMCHUD V) and the seventh session of the World urban Forum (WUF 7).

Topics on important global developments such the Post 2015 development Agenda and Habitat III preparations has remained central to the focus of the Subcommittee meetings and will continue to do so in the future.

The Bureau also took into consideration various requests from Members requests, including on follow up meetings, and a particular case in this regard was a follow up meeting on Finance and Administrative Issues of UN-Habitat, a recommendation that the Executive Director was supportive of.

Excellencies ladies and Gentlemen,

CPR Members have consistently made valuable inputs and recommendations in these meetings. They have advised the Secretariat for example, on strengthening partnerships with other UN Agencies, the need to re-initiate the governance review process and, on making due considerations for appropriate reflection of both urban development and human settlements, including the rural urban linkage in key internal and external documents and discussions, in line with the UN-Habitat mandate.

Members have also remained concerned with the financial situation of UN-Habitat, the decisions and measures being taken towards cost recovery, the potential impact on the delivery of the work programme. In this regard, Members have advised on continued consultations between the CPR and the Secretariat.

On behalf of the Bureau, I take this opportunity to thank Members for their continuous active engagement in the CPR subcommittees, notwithstanding demanding schedules in Nairobi, including the on-going preparations for the UNEA.
Colleagues;

The following meetings of the Subcommittee on Policy and Programme of work and the Subcommittee on Finance and Administration took place in this reporting period:

1. First Meeting of the Subcommittee on Finance and Administrative Issues

2. Eleventh Meeting of the Subcommittee on Policy and Programme of Work: Progress in the implementation of the GC resolutions 24/2: Strengthening the works of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme on urban basic services and 24/9: Inclusive national and local housing strategies to achieve the Global housing Strategy paradigm shift.

3. Twelveth Meeting of the Subcommittee on Policy and Programme of Work: the 7th Session of the World Urban Forum (WUF7)

4. Thirteenth Meeting of the Subcommittee on Policy and Programme of Work: the work of the Urban Planning and Design Subprogramme including progress in the implementation of the GC resolutions 24/3 and Resolution 24/5

5. Fourteenth Meeting of the Subcommittee on Policy and Programme of Work: Post 2015 development Agenda including the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

6. Fifteenth Meeting of the Subcommittee on Policy and Programme of Work: The work of the Research and Capacity Development subprogramme

7. Sixteenth Meeting of the Subcommittee on Policy and Programme of Work: the progress in the implementation of the GC Resolutions 24/6- Supporting Action for the Creation of Safer Cities; and the 2013-2014 UN-Habitat Biennial Evaluation report.

8. Second Meeting of the Subcommittee on Finance and Administration: Discussion on Finance and Administrative Issues of UN-Habitat

9. Seventeenth Meeting of the Subcommittee on Policy and Programme of Work: The work of the Urban Economy Subprogramme

10. Eighteenth Meeting of the Subcommittee on Policy and Programme of Work: Summary report of the 7th Session of the World Urban Forum (WUF7)

Thank you Excellencies