Introductory Statement by the Rapporteur of the CPR Bureau

Report on the work of the Subcommitees

Agenda Item 8

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Statement by the Rapporteur of the CPR Bureau on Agenda Item 8:

REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES (CPR).

The Subcommittees of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR) was on recess during the Month of July 2014 following the decision of the 53rd Regular meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives that was held in on 18 June 2014.

As such, no formal meetings of the Subcommittees were held in the intervening period.

An informal briefing for Member States was however held on 6 August 2014 to brief members on the preparations for the first meeting of the Preparatory Committee (PrepCom 1) of the third United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III), which would be held from 17-18 September 2014, in New York.

On 18 August 2014, a meeting of the Subcommittee on Policy and Programme of work met for its 19th meeting and discussed Prepcom 1 and Habitat III.

Key messages resonating from that meeting on include:

i) the need to have a large bureau of the Prepcom beyond a membership of 5

ii) adequate information feed for Nairobi based members in the same measure as New York colleagues including frequent briefing through subcommittees

iii) Members also raised concerns regarding the legal basis for the formation of the Bureau elect of the Prepcom based in New York

iv) The formation and location of the Habitat III Secretariat is also of concern to Members