Agenda Item 9:

Approval of the title of the special theme of GC27 (HSP/CPR/71/9)
Proposed theme for the twenty-seventh session of the Governing Council of UN-Habitat (or UN-Habitat Assembly)

The Bureau of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR) as well as the CPR Subcommittee on Policy and Programme of Work have discussed the draft proposed theme of the twenty-seventh session of the Governing Council (or UN-Habitat Assembly), as recommended by the Executive Director. The CPR Subcommittee held meetings on 26 September 2018 and 30 November 2018 during which guidance was given by Member States on the Theme. As a result, the proposed Theme, sub theme and areas of focus are as follows:

Theme Title: “Innovation for Better Quality of Life in Cities and Communities”

Theme Sub-Title: “Accelerated Implementation of the NUA towards localized achievement of the SDGs”

The session will address two key aspects of the theme as follow:

1. Means of Implementation;
   a. Innovative use of data systems for evidence-based urban policy-making
   b. Innovative partnerships for coordinated and balanced implementation

2. Special focus on SDG targets 11.1 and 11.2;
   a. Innovative practices on housing and mobility.

It is anticipated that the CPR will consider the above. Upon endorsement by the CPR, a detailed description of the above will be developed for review by the CPR leading to the development of the theme paper. The theme paper that will serve as a background document for the dialogue during the GC27 (or UN-Habitat Assembly).