Clarification of the annotated provisional agenda and organization of work

Note by the secretariat

1. The present note relates to document HSP/GC/20/1/Add.1 entitled “Annotations to the provisional agenda, including organization of work”. The proposals it contains have been prepared at the request of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to UN-Habitat, the intersessional subsidiary body of the Governing Council.

2. In paragraph 5 of annex III, which is entitled “Proposed organizational arrangements for the twentieth session of the Governing Council of UN-Habitat” and indicates the items which will be considered during the high-level segment of plenary, the following words should be added at the end of the paragraph:

   and Coordination matters (item 10 of the provisional agenda). This last agenda item includes the issues which will be considered by the thirteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (New York, 11–22 April 2005).

3. Consequently, in Annex IV which contains the timetable of meetings for the session, agenda item 10 should be included in the list of items to be discussed during the high-level segment of plenary, on Monday, 4 April and Tuesday, 5 April 2005.

4. It should be reflected in paragraph 16 of Annex III and in the timetable set out in Annex IV that item 10 will also be considered, in more detail, by the Committee of the Whole of the Governing Council, on the morning of Thursday, 7 April 2005. Following consideration of this item by the Committee of the Whole and in plenary, a summary by the Chair reflecting the discussions on the item will be prepared for approval by the Governing Council and subsequent dispatch by the President of the Governing Council to the Chair of the Commission on Sustainable Development.

5. The following sentence should be added at the end of paragraph 16, Annex III:

   The consideration by the Committee of the Whole of items 5(a) and (b) on special themes will be take the form of a dialogue, with the discussions being introduced by selected panelists and resource persons.
6. As indicated in Annex IV, which contains the timetable of Governing Council meetings, agenda item 9 on the UN-Habitat work programme and budget is scheduled to be considered by the Committee of the Whole on Wednesday, 6 April, during the morning and afternoon meetings. Arrangements will, however, be made, in consultation with the Bureau of the Governing Council, for the establishment of an informal working group on this item, which is expected to begin its work on Tuesday, 5 April.

7. In paragraph 8 of Annex III, the title of the second dialogue with local authorities and other Habitat Agenda partners should read “Financing Shelter and Urban Development” and not “Strengthening the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation (item 8 of the provisional agenda). The same correction should be made in Annex IV with respect to the dialogue scheduled for the plenary meeting on the afternoon of Wednesday, 6 April 2005.

8. Paragraph 11 of Annex VI should be deleted and replaced by the following paragraph:

An advanced draft of the Global Report on Human Settlements 2005, provisionally entitled "Financing Shelter and Urban Development", as well as a summary of the main findings of the report, will be distributed to delegates at the twentieth session of the Governing Council.