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ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS CENTRE FOR HUMAN SETTLEMENTS (HABITAT): PROGRESS REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ROLE OF THE COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE UNITED NATIONS CENTRE FOR HUMAN SETTLEMENTS (HABITAT)

Report of the Executive Director

Addendum

Corrigendum

Explanatory Note

1. Document HS/C/18/2/Add.2 entitled “Role of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (UNCHS) (Habitat)”, contains the report of the Executive Director which is being submitted to the Commission pursuant to operative paragraph 2 of Commission resolution 17/5. The report contains, inter alia, the financial implications of institutionalizing the Committee of Permanent Representatives as an inter-sessional subsidiary body of the Commission. The cost estimates had been presented in the following three options (a) if the meetings were to be held in English only (b) in English and French only, and (c) in all the six official languages of the United Nations.

2. After its review of the above-mentioned report at its meeting of 9 January 2001, the Working Group of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to UNCHS (Habitat) requested the Secretariat to also provide the Commission with the financial implications of the inclusion of Spanish as an official language of the proposed subsidiary body, since Spanish is a working language of the Economic and Social Council.

3. Accordingly, as a corrigendum to the annex of document HS/C/18/2/Add.2, the secretariat has prepared the attached annex in which the cost estimates are now presented in the following four, instead of the original three, options:

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(a) If the meetings are to be held in English only;

(b) If the meetings are to be held in English and French only (working languages of the secretariat);

(c) If the meetings are to be in English, French, and Spanish (working languages of the Economic and Social Council); and

(d) If the meetings are to be held in all the six official languages of the United Nations (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, and Spanish).
## Annex

**Annual cost estimates for servicing the Committee of Permanent Representatives and its two working groups (4 CPR meetings, 24 working group meetings)**

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**1. CPR Meetings (four meetings per year)**

**2. CPR Working Group Meetings (24 meetings per year)**

Total CPR working group meetings: 116,196, 286,548, 458,916, 976,020

**Grand total:** 137,312, 336,056, 537,152, 1,140,440

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