Committee of Permanent Representatives
to the United Nations Human Settlements Programme
Thirty-third regular meeting
Nairobi, 11 June 2009

Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, held on 24 March 2009

Opening of the meeting

1. The meeting was opened at 9.40 a.m. on Tuesday, 24 March 2009 by Mr. Iftikhar A. Arain, Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) and Vice-Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.

2. The meeting was attended by 55 representatives from 43 countries and 1 observer mission.

Item 1: Adoption of the agenda

3. The Committee adopted the agenda as set forth in documents HSP/CPR/EX/1 and Add.1.

Item 2: Adoption of the draft minutes of the thirty-second regular meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives

4. The Committee approved and adopted the draft minutes of its thirty-second regular meeting held on 5 March 2009 as set out in document HSP/CPR/EX/2.

Item 3: Adoption of the draft programme of work of the Committee of Permanent Representatives for the remainder of 2009

5. The Committee approved and adopted the draft programme of work of the Committee of Permanent Representatives for the remainder of 2009 as set out in document HSP/CPR/EX/3.

Item 4: Status of preparations for the twenty-second session of the Governing Council

6. Introducing the item, the Executive Director, Ms. Anna Tibajjuka, presented an overview of progress in the preparations for the twenty-second session of the Governing Council since her previous briefing on the matter to the Committee on 5 March 2009.
7. In the ensuing discussion, the Chair, speaking also as the representative of Pakistan, requested any proposed resolutions relating to the effectiveness and efficiency of the governance structure of UN-Habitat to be discussed by member States involved or interested as soon as possible so that they might be submitted in good time.

8. Another representative sought clarification of the facilitators of the dialogues on affordable housing, the global financial crisis and climate change. The promotion of affordable housing was an extremely important topic, not least for his Government.

9. The representative of the secretariat clarified that the morning session would be facilitated by Ms. Irene Vance, CGAP Housing Finance Team, Washington, D.C., for housing assistance for the poor, and the afternoon session by Ms. Christine Platt, President of the Commonwealth Association of Planners.

10. The Chair noted that it would be helpful to circulate contact numbers for key members of staff who would be receiving delegates on arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport.

11. In response to a question, the representative of the secretariat said that identification badges for visiting delegations, among others, would be available for collection on 26 March 2009.

**Item 5: Other matters**

12. There were no other matters.

**Closure of the meeting**

13. The Chair declared the meeting closed at 10.10 a.m.