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on the Governance Review Process

Progress Report on the Governance Review Process

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Excellencies,
Colleagues,
Ladies and gentlemen,

I am pleased to provide you with an update on the progress of the Governance Review Process since the last 38th CPR Regular Session in September and present a) a list of Proposed Medium/Long-term Interventions and b) a list of Additional Proposed Quick-wins, as contained in HSP/CPR/38/9 for your consideration and approval. With your approval, the proposals will be implemented in the next few months.

The report before you, “UN-Habitat Governance Review Process: Report to the 39th CPR Regular Session”, is composed of three elements. First of all, it updates you on the progress that the Government Review Process made during the last three months. Secondly, it provides you with a list of additional quick-wins, which mainly concern the governance aspects of the World Urban Forum. Lastly, it presents a list of medium/long-term interventions, of which draft was presented at the last 38th CPR Regular Session in September for your information. The proposed wins are categorised in each component of good governance: accountability, transparency, effectiveness and efficiency, and the responsible bodies of their implementation are also mentioned in the column.

Excellencies,

As mentioned in the Progress Report, the preparations for the Phase 3 of the Governance Review Process, which will look at structural reform issues, have commenced and a brainstorming workshop was held on 11 November 2010 where solid recommendations on the further steps were made after due consultation and discussion. We are currently in the process of hiring a consultant to collect information on UN-Habitat’s current governance structure within the context of the wider UN system and its reform, to assess the current situation and to define options for the way forward. A report on options will be made to the upcoming Governing Council. The Implementation Team will oversee the work of this consultant, and given the importance of the Phase 3, I would like to ask for your strong support and guidance.

I am also pleased to inform you that most of the Quick-wins, which you reviewed and approved at the last CPR Regular Session in September, are being implemented both by the Secretariat and the CPR. The degree of their implementation varies due to different circumstances and complexities, but they have been assigned to the relevant parties and I assure you that the Implementation Team will monitor the progress of their implementation on your behalf.

Dear colleagues,

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the all the team members of the Governance Review Process. The Process has helped members of the CPR and the Secretariat to understand each other better. We have managed to build a stronger mutual trust based on that understanding, and we look forward to continuing and further deepening this constructive relationship through the next phase of the Governance Review.

Thank you very much for your attention, and I would be grateful for any questions and comments from the Representatives regarding the proposed quick-wins and medium/long-term interventions.