Introductory Statement by
the Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives

Report of the Work of the Committee of Permanent Representatives during the Inter-sessional Period, including Draft Resolutions prepared by the Committee of Permanent Representatives for transmission to the 23rd Session of the Governing Council of UN-Habitat

Agenda Item 5

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Nairobi, 2 March 2011
Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates,
Executive Director and colleagues of UN-Habitat,

I have the pleasure to introduce the following two background documents namely, i) Report of the Committee of Permanent Representatives on its work during the inter-sessional period (HSP/GC/23/3); and ii) Addendum: Draft resolutions prepared by the Committee of Permanent Representatives (HSP/GC/23/3/Add.1).

Distinguished Delegates,

These reports are before you for your consideration and approval, and subsequent to which these two reports will be transmitted to the Governing Council of UN-Habitat for its consideration at its 23rd Session, which will be held here in Nairobi from 11 to 15 April 2011.

The first report as contained in document HSP/CPR/40/5/1 highlights the work of this Committee and its Bureau and Working Groups during the inter-sessional period between the previous and upcoming sessions of the Governing Council as follow:

i) Summary of all the CPR meetings held between June 2009 and December 2010 including their dates and main issues;
ii) Composition of the Bureaus of the CPR for the biennium 2008–2009 and for the biennium 2010-2011 including names and function of each of the Bureau members; and
iii) Summary of the Working Groups that were established by the Bureaus.

I would also like to seek your approval to include today’s meeting in this report prior to its transmission to the Governing Council.

Excellencies,
and Distinguished colleagues,

I would now like to move to the second report as contained in document HSP/CPR/40/5/2.

The Working Group for Planning held two meetings on 28 January and 14 February 2011 to discuss the draft resolutions for the upcoming Governing Council.

On 28 January 2011, the Working Group for Planning met for the first time and discussed the draft resolution on UN-Habitat Country Activities. The Working Group also decided to review all the proposed draft resolutions on 14 February 2011, given the tight schedule of the member States in preparing for the 26th Governing Council of UNEP (21-24 February 2011).
On 14 February 2011, the following three draft resolutions were introduced and discussed:

i) Draft Resolution on global and national strategies and frameworks for improving the lives of slum dwellers beyond the Millennium Development Goals target;

ii) Draft Resolution on sustainable urban development through expanding equitable access to land, housing, basic services and infrastructure; and

iii) Draft Resolution on the third United Nations conference on housing and sustainable urban development (Habitat III).

At both meetings, valuable inputs and comments were made by the members of the Working Groups, and the Secretariat later shared the revised draft resolutions reflecting them in track changes including brackets on some preambular and operational paragraphs. All the four resolutions are submitted to you for approval to be transmitted to the Governing Council.

In line with the relevant provisions contained in resolution CHS/18/1, these four resolutions have been reported to the CPR as document HSP/GC/23/3/Add.1 for transmission to the twenty-third session of the Governing Council of UN-Habitat by the Executive Director. As per normal practice, the letter of the Chair of the CPR to the Executive Director will be prepared and included in this report after today’s meeting.

Excellencies,
and Distinguished colleagues,

Please allow me to remind you that the Working Group has not discussed possible draft resolutions on the following topics due to on-going discussions: i) Governance of UN-Habitat; 2) Work Programme and Budget for the biennium 2012-2013; and 3) Experimental Reimbursable Seeding Operations (ERSO). I would like to propose that the Working Group, after today’s meeting, would discuss them as well as continue a second reading of the above-mentioned and earlier discussed four draft resolutions in order to facilitate relevant discussions at the Governing Council.

As has always been the case, I am also pleased to inform that in addition, member States wishing to do so will have an opportunity to submit draft resolutions to the Governing Council for submission to the Drafting Committee. The deadline for submitting these draft resolutions is mid-day Tuesday, 12 April 2011. Before then, Governments can submit draft resolutions to the Secretary to the Governing Council for submission to the Governing Council.

I hope that the Committee will find the above-mentioned two reports agreeable and adopt them for transmission to the Governing Council.