Introductory Statement by Dr. Joan Clos, Executive Director

Report on the Follow-up on the Decisions of the 23rd Session of the Governing Council of UN-Habitat

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Excellencies,
Madam Chair, Distinguished Delegates, Colleagues.

This being our first CPR meeting since the twenty-third session of the Governing Council, I wish to take this opportunity to thank you all sincerely for the tremendous cooperation I received from you during the session.

My thanks also go to the Ministers, Heads and members of Delegations who travelled from outside our headquarters to participate in the session and giving the session the importance it deserves.

Madam Chair, in all, the Governing Council adopted 18 resolutions which will form the bulk of the work of the Organisation towards the twenty-fourth session of the Governing Council. They are all contained in the advanced copy of the Proceedings before you. The Draft Proceedings were first shared with the members of the CPR Bureau on 24 May 2011, and then with the Working Group for Monitoring on 25 May 2011 for information and correction of factual errors.

The advanced copy of the Proceedings incorporating the corrections from members of the Working Group was then sent out to members of the CPR on 16 June 2011 in preparation for this meeting. What is before us at this meeting is therefore an advanced copy of the Proceedings as has been negotiated and adopted by the Governing Council.

The Secretariat will welcome any corrections of factual errors that may be noticed by the members. In this regard we would like to call your attention to paragraph 15, and to invite you to call our attention to any omission in the list of countries. We are also reviewing that list to make sure it is accurately reflected.

Subsequent to the review and clearance by the Rapporteur of the Governing Council, the Report of the Governing Council has been sent to New York for onward transmission to ECOSOC for deliberations at its meetings which will be held in Geneva in July 2011. UN-Habitat’s item will be discussed on 29 July 2011. The General Assembly will then take up the recommendation by ECOSOC on UN-Habitat in November 2011. It is after this that hard copies of the Report will be issued and distributed to the Governing Council and CPR members sometime during the early part of 2012. The Report, however, will be posted on the website once it has been adopted by the General Assembly.

In the meantime, work has proceeded on the implementation of some of the resolutions such as 23/11 on the Work Programme and Budget, specifically, the development of the strategic plan for 2014-2019 which includes the roadmap for preparatory work, which we have shared with the members during the Working Group for Monitoring on 13 June 2011 and for today’s meeting.
Work has also started on resolution 23/13 on the “Governance of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme”, and one of the agenda items for today’s meeting is on this. Yet another resolution on which work has commenced is resolution 23/10 on “Future activities by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme in urban economy and financial mechanisms for urban upgrading, housing and basic services for the urban poor”. In this context, the search for an appropriate partner to take over the lending operations of ERSO is in progress.

In the meantime we are also in the process of preparing a plan on the implementation of the resolutions, including costing of their financial implications, and we should be reporting to you on the outcome fairly soon, through scheduled meetings of the Working Groups and eventually the CPR.

Thank you, Madam Chair.