



**UN HABITAT United Nations Habitat Assembly  
of the United Nations Human  
Settlements Programme**

Distr.: General  
6 March 2019

Original: English

---

**United Nations Habitat Assembly of the  
United Nations Human Settlements Programme**

**First session**

Nairobi, 27–31 May 2019

Items 4 and 7 of the provisional agenda\*

**Adoption of the agenda**

**Organization of work, including the establishment of an  
executive board and the adoption of its rules of procedure**

**Annotated provisional agenda**

**Note by the secretariat**

**Item 1**

**Opening of the session**

1. Pursuant to resolution 73/239 of the General Assembly, the first session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat Assembly) will be opened at 10 a.m. on Monday, 27 May 2019. The UN-Habitat Assembly will replace the Governing Council, the membership of which is set out in annex I to the present note.

**Documentation**

Implementation of the outcomes of the United Nations Conferences on Human Settlements and on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) (General Assembly resolution 73/239)

**Item 2**

**Election of the President of the United Nations Habitat Assembly**

2. In line with the rules of procedure, the UN-Habitat Assembly will elect a president from among the representatives of its members, with due regard to the principle of equitable geographical distribution by rotation among the regional groups of States. The geographical distribution of officers elected at previous sessions of the Governing Council is set out in annex II to the present note. If, during the informal consultations within and among regional groups prior to the session, member States agree on a candidate to nominate for election to the office of president, the Assembly will elect a president by consensus.

**Documentation**

Annotated provisional agenda (HSP/HA/1/1/Add.1) (for decision)

---

\* HSP/HA/1/1.

### **Item 3**

#### **Adoption of the rules of procedure of the United Nations Habitat Assembly**

3. Under this item, the UN-Habitat Assembly will adopt its own rules of procedure. Preparations for the first session of the Assembly will be guided by the rules of procedure of the Governing Council until the Assembly adopts its own rules of procedure.
4. In line with resolution 73/239 of the General Assembly, the Committee of Permanent Representatives will prepare the draft rules of procedure of the UN-Habitat Assembly with a view to their adoption at the first session of the UN-Habitat Assembly.

#### **Documentation**

Implementation of the outcomes of the United Nations Conferences on Human Settlements and on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) (General Assembly resolution 73/239)

### **Item 4**

#### **Adoption of the agenda**

5. Under this item, the UN-Habitat Assembly will adopt its agenda for the first session and thereafter decide on the organization of work for the session. The provisional agenda was approved by the Governing Council at its twenty-sixth session, held in Nairobi from 8 to 12 May 2017. Supplementary items were later proposed by the Bureau of the Committee of Permanent Representatives for consideration by the Assembly.

#### **Documentation**

Provisional agenda (HSP/HA/1/1) (for decision)

Annotated provisional agenda (HSP/HA/1/1/Add.1) (for decision)

### **Item 5**

#### **Election of officers**

6. Under this item, the UN-Habitat Assembly will elect three vice-presidents and one rapporteur from among the representatives of its members, with due regard to the principle of equitable geographical distribution by rotation among the regional groups of States. Each vice-president will be elected from one of the regional groups other than those to which the president and the rapporteur belong. One vice-president should be designated to chair the sessional committee of the whole. The remaining vice-presidents would assist the president directly in his or her duties at the plenary meetings and in chairing an ad-hoc drafting committee.
7. Should the rules of procedure of the UN-Habitat Assembly be adopted by the Assembly at the first meeting of the session, the election of officers may be conducted in accordance with those rules of procedure.

### **Item 6**

#### **Credentials of representatives and appointment of members of the credentials committee**

8. Each member State of the UN-Habitat Assembly should be represented by an accredited representative, who may be accompanied by such alternate representatives and advisers as may be required by the member State. The credentials of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to the Executive Director at the latest before the end of the first meeting of the session, which will be held on 27 May 2019. The credentials must be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. The credentials submitted under this rule will be examined by the Bureau of the UN-Habitat Assembly, which will report without delay to the Assembly.
9. Should the rules of procedure of the UN-Habitat Assembly be adopted by the Assembly at the first meeting of the session, the examination of credentials may be conducted in accordance with those rules of procedure. If so, under agenda item 6, the credentials of representatives may be examined by the credentials committee of the Assembly.

10. The credentials committee will be appointed at the beginning of the first session to examine the credentials of representatives. The members of the committee will be appointed by the UN-Habitat Assembly on the proposal of the president. After completing its work, the committee will report thereon to the Assembly.

## **Item 7**

### **Organization of work, including the establishment of an executive board and the adoption of its rules of procedure**

11. The proposed organizational arrangements for the first session of the UN-Habitat Assembly are set out in annex III to the present note, while a proposed organization of work and timetable for the session is set out in annex IV.

12. Under this item, pursuant to resolution 73/239 of the General Assembly and the findings and recommendations of the Open-ended Working Group (see A/73/726), the UN-Habitat Assembly will establish an executive board during the first session and adopt the rules of procedure of the Executive Board.

#### **Documentation**

Annotated provisional agenda (HSP/HA/1/1/Add.1)

Implementation of the outcomes of the United Nations Conferences on Human Settlements and on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) (General Assembly resolution 73/239)

Report on the work of the Open-ended Working Group established by the Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), pursuant to General Assembly resolution 72/226: note by the Secretary-General (A/73/726)

## **Item 8**

### **Election of the members of the Executive Board**

13. Under this item, the UN-Habitat Assembly will elect 36 members of the Executive Board in accordance with the formula set out in document A/73/726. The distribution of seats on the Board will be as follows: 10 seats for African States, 8 seats for Asia-Pacific States, 4 seats for Eastern European States, 6 seats for Latin America and Caribbean States, and 8 seats for the Western European and others States.

14. The Executive Board will establish a bureau during its first meeting, with due regard to the principle of equitable geographical distribution by rotation among the regional groups of States. The Bureau will be composed of a chair, vice-chairs and a rapporteur.

15. It is expected that the rules of procedure of the Executive Board will have been adopted by the UN-Habitat Assembly before the first meeting of the Board. If so, the election of officers may be conducted in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Board.

#### **Documentation**

Implementation of the outcomes of the United Nations Conferences on Human Settlements and on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) (General Assembly resolution 73/239)

Report on the work of the Open-ended Working Group established by the Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), pursuant to General Assembly resolution 72/226: note by the Secretary-General (A/73/726)

## **Item 9**

### **Activities of the United Nations Human Settlement Programme, including coordination matters**

16. Under this item, the Executive Director will report to the UN-Habitat Assembly on, among other things, the implementation of the mandate and work programme of UN-Habitat and the implementation of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Governing Council.

### **Documentation**

Activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme: report of the Executive Director (HSP/HA/1/2)

Activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme: joint activities in the urban environment: joint progress report of the Executive Directors of the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (HSP/HA/1/2/Add.1)

Activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme: cooperation with agencies and organizations within the United Nations system, intergovernmental organizations and other UN-Habitat partners in the implementation of strategic plan for the period 2014–2019: report of the Executive Director (HSP/HA/1/2/Add.2)

Activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme: draft United Nations system-wide guidelines on safer cities: report of the Executive Director (HSP/HA/1/2/Add.3) (for decision)

Draft stakeholder engagement policy (HSP/HA/1/2/Add.4) (for decision)

Report of the Chair of the Working Group on Programme and Budget (HSP/HA/1/3/Add.3)

## **Item 10**

### **Review of progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

17. Under this item, the Executive Director will report to the UN-Habitat Assembly on, among other things, the progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Urban Development.

#### **Documentation**

Progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Urban Development: report of the Executive Director (HSP/HA/1/4)

## **Item 11**

### **Report of the World Urban Forum**

18. Under this item, the Executive Director will report to the UN-Habitat Assembly on, among other things, the World Urban Forum and, in particular, on the ninth session of the World Urban Forum, held in Kuala Lumpur from 7 to 13 February 2018.

#### **Documentation**

Activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme: ninth session of the World Urban Forum: report of the Executive Director (HSP/HA/1/5)

Report on the ninth session of the World Urban Forum (HSP/HA/INF/5)

Independent report on the ninth session of the World Urban Forum (HSP/HA/INF/6)

## **Item 12**

### **Dialogue on the special theme for the first session of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme**

19. Pursuant to resolution 20/21 of the Governing Council, the Bureau of the Governing Council selects the special theme for sessions of the Council on the basis of advice from the Executive Director, in consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives. Accordingly, at the seventy-first meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, held on 6 December 2018, the theme and subtheme of the first session of the UN-Habitat Assembly were approved as follows:

(a) Theme: “Innovation for better quality of life in cities and communities”;

(b) Sub-theme: “Accelerated implementation of the New Urban Agenda towards achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals”.

20. The UN-Habitat Assembly will have for its consideration a report by the Executive Director on the special theme of the first session.

21. During the session, there will be a dialogue on the theme of the UN-Habitat Assembly among national Governments, subnational governments and other Habitat Agenda partners.

**Documentation**

Dialogue on the special theme of the first session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly: report of the Executive Director (HSP/HA/1/6)

**Item 13**

**Strategic plan for the period 2020–2025 of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme**

22. The strategic plan for the period 2014–2019 will end on 31 December 2019. Accordingly, the Executive Director will submit a proposed strategic plan for the period 2020–2025 to the UN-Habitat Assembly for its consideration.

**Documentation**

Draft strategic plan of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for the period 2020–2025 (HSP/HA/1/7) (for decision)

Work programme and budget for the year 2020: report of the Executive Director (HSP/EB/1/2)<sup>1</sup>

Implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2014–2019 in 2018: report of the Executive Director (HSP/HA/INF/2)

**Item 14**

**Provisional agenda and other arrangements for the second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly**

23. Under this item, the UN-Habitat Assembly will adopt a provisional agenda for its second session and decide on the date and other arrangements for that session.

**Item 15**

**Adoption of the report of the session and the report of the first meeting of the Executive Board**

24. In accordance with paragraph 7 of section I.A of General Assembly resolution 56/206, and pursuant to General Assembly resolution 73/239, under this item, the UN-Habitat Assembly will adopt the report on the work of its first session and the report of the first meeting of the Executive Board for submission to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council.

**Item 16**

**Other matters**

25. Under this item, the UN-Habitat Assembly will consider matters which, although not covered under any particular agenda item, are thought to warrant its attention.

**Item 17**

**Closure of the session**

26. It is expected that the first session of the UN-Habitat Assembly will conclude its work by 2 p.m. on Friday, 31 May 2019.

<sup>1</sup> It is understood that, pursuant to the findings and recommendations of the Open-ended Working Group, the budget for 2020 will be transferred to the Executive Board for approval.

## Annex I

### Membership of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme as from 1 January 2017 (58 members)<sup>a</sup>

#### African States (16)

Angola (2019)  
Benin (2020)  
Chad (2019)  
Democratic Republic of the Congo (2018)  
Egypt (2018)  
Gabon (2018)  
Ghana (2018)  
Kenya (2019)  
Libya (2020)  
Madagascar (2020)  
Mauritius (2020)  
Nigeria (2019)  
Senegal (2018)  
Somalia (2020)  
South Africa (2019)  
Zimbabwe (2018)

*No vacant seat*

#### Latin American and Caribbean States (10)

Argentina (2018)  
Brazil (2019)  
Chile (2019)  
Colombia (2020)  
Ecuador (2018)  
Guatemala (2018)  
Mexico (2019)  
Paraguay (2020)  
Uruguay (2018)

*One vacant seat*

#### Eastern European States (6)

Croatia (2020)  
Czechia (2020)  
Georgia (2019)  
Russian Federation (2018)  
Serbia (2019)  
Slovakia (2018)

*No vacant seat pending*

#### Western European and other States (13)

Finland (2018)  
France (2020)  
Germany (2019)  
Israel (2019)  
Norway (2020)  
Sweden (2019)  
United States of America (2018)

*Six vacant seats*

#### Asia-Pacific States (13)

Bahrain (2019)  
China (2020)  
India (2019)  
Indonesia (2018)  
Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2018)  
Iraq (2018)  
Japan (2018)  
Malaysia (2019)  
Republic of Korea (2020)  
Saudi Arabia (2019)  
Sri Lanka (2020)  
Turkmenistan (2019)

*One vacant seat*

<sup>a</sup> Terms of office expire on 31 December of the years indicated. The information contained in the table was provided by the Economic and Social Council.

## Annex II

**Geographical distribution of officers elected at previous sessions of the Governing Council of UN-Habitat, which may inform the geographical distribution of the Bureau of the UN-Habitat Assembly at its first session**

<i>Year</i>	<i>Session of the Governing Council</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Vice-presidents</i>	<i>Rapporteur</i>
1978	First	Western European and other States (Sweden)	African States (Malawi) Eastern European States (Poland) Latin American States (Mexico)	Asian States (Philippines)
1979	Second	African States (Kenya)	Asian States (Pakistan) Latin American States (Mexico) Western European and other States (Sweden)	Eastern European States (Poland)
1980	Third	Latin American States (Mexico)	African States (Nigeria) Asian States (Iraq) Eastern European States (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)	Western European and other States (Netherlands)
1981	Fourth	Asian States (Philippines)	African States (Lesotho) Eastern European States (Hungary) Western European and other States (Federal Republic of Germany)	Latin American States (Jamaica)
1982	Fifth	Eastern European States (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)	Asian States (Sri Lanka) Latin American States (Jamaica) Western European and other States (Canada)	African States (Egypt)
1983	Sixth	Western European and other States (Finland)	African States (Zambia) Eastern European States (Bulgaria) Latin American States (Argentina)	Asian States (Bangladesh)
1984	Seventh	African States (Gabon)	Asian States (India) Latin American States (Chile) Western European and other States (United States of America)	Eastern European States (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)
1985	Eighth	Latin American States (Jamaica)	African States (Tunisia) Asian States (Sri Lanka) Eastern European States (Hungary)	Western European and other States (Greece)
1986	Ninth	Western European and other States (Turkey)	African States (Kenya) Asian States (Bangladesh) Eastern European States (Poland)	Latin American States (Chile)
1987	Tenth	Eastern European States (Bulgaria)	Asian States (Indonesia) Latin American States (Colombia) Western European and other States (Finland)	African States (Kenya)
1988	Eleventh	Asian States (India)	African States (Botswana) Latin American States (Brazil) Western European and other States (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)	Eastern European States (Poland)

<i>Year</i>	<i>Session of the Governing Council</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Vice-presidents</i>	<i>Rapporteur</i>
1989	Twelfth	Latin American States (Colombia)	African States (Gabon) Eastern European States (Hungary) Western European and other States (United States of America)	Asian States (Sri Lanka)
1991	Thirteenth	African States (Zimbabwe)	Asian States (Sri Lanka) Eastern European States (Soviet Union) Latin American States (Brazil)	Western European and other States (Netherlands)
1993	Fourteenth	Western European and other States (Finland)	African States (Uganda) Asian States (Philippines) Eastern European States (Romania)	Latin American States (Chile)
1995	Fifteenth	Eastern European States (Russian Federation)	Asian States (Indonesia) Latin American States (Venezuela) Western European and other States (United Kingdom)	African States (Cameroon)
1997	Sixteenth	Asian States (Bangladesh)	African States (Kenya) Latin American States (Mexico) Western European and other States (Norway)	Eastern European States (Romania)
1999	Seventeenth	Latin American States (Colombia)	African States (Senegal) Eastern European States (Bulgaria) Western European and other States (Sweden)	Asian States (Iran (Islamic Republic of))
2001	Eighteenth	African States (Algeria)	Asian States (Bangladesh) Eastern European States (Russian Federation) Latin American States (Argentina)	Western European and other States (Turkey)
2003	Nineteenth	Western European and other States (Sweden)	African States (Malawi) Asian States (Sri Lanka) Eastern European States (Poland)	Latin American States (Chile)
2005	Twentieth	Eastern European States (Czech Republic)	Asian States (Philippines) Latin American States (Argentina) Western European and other States (Germany)	African States (Nigeria)
2007	Twenty-first	Asian States (India)	African States (Uganda) Latin American States (Argentina) Western European and other States (Canada)	Eastern European States (Russian Federation)
2009	Twenty-second	Latin American States (Jamaica)	African States (Zambia) Eastern European States (Czech Republic) Western European and other States (Germany)	Asian States (Pakistan)
2011	Twenty-third	African States (Rwanda)	Asian States (China) Eastern European States (Russian Federation) Latin American States (Chile)	Western European and other States (Finland)
2013	Twenty-fourth	African States (Nigeria)	Eastern European States (Russian Federation) Latin American States (Argentina) Asia-Pacific States (Bangladesh)	Western European and other States (Germany)

<i>Year</i>	<i>Session of the Governing Council</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Vice-presidents</i>	<i>Rapporteur</i>
2015	Twenty-fifth	Eastern European States (Slovakia)	African States (Ghana) Western European and other States (Germany) Asia-Pacific States (India)	Latin American States (Uruguay)
2017	Twenty-sixth	Asia-Pacific States (India)	African States (Kenya) Western European and other States (Germany) Latin America States (Guatemala)	Eastern European States (Russian Federation)

Under the principle of geographical rotation provided for in paragraph 2 of rule 17 of the rules of procedure of the Governing Council, the following regional groups should provide candidates for the offices in question for the first session of the UN-Habitat Assembly:

**Offices for the first session of the UN-Habitat Assembly**

<i>2019</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Latin American States</i>
	<i>Vice-presidents</i>	African States, Eastern European States, Western European and other States
	<i>Rapporteur</i>	Asia-Pacific States

ADVANCE

## Annex III

### Proposed organizational arrangements for the first session of the UN-Habitat Assembly

1. With a view to the efficient conduct of work during the first session of the UN-Habitat Assembly, the Executive Director proposes for consideration by member States the organizational arrangements and timetable set out in the present annex and in annex IV. The present proposal has been prepared in line with resolution 73/239 of the General Assembly, in which it decided that preparations for the first session of the UN-Habitat Assembly should build upon the preparations already carried out for the twenty-seventh session of the Governing Council. The preparations for the Governing Council had been guided by, among others, the recommendations set out in resolution 20/21 of the Council, by which the Council requested the Committee of Permanent Representatives, acting as the intersessional subsidiary body of the Governing Council, to recommend to the Council further proposals for improving the structure and organization of the twenty-first and future sessions of the Council. At its twenty-third meeting, on 7 December 2006, the Committee of Permanent Representatives approved a set of such proposals for the twenty-first session and all future sessions, which is reflected in the present note, in particular with regard to the high-level segment, the dialogue and the theme. The UN-Habitat Assembly may wish to consider its own organizational arrangements at the appropriate time.

#### Bureau

2. It is anticipated that, in line with rule 17 of the current rules of procedure of the Governing Council, the Bureau of the UN-Habitat Assembly should comprise the president, the vice-presidents and the rapporteur of the Assembly, elected with due regard to the principle of equitable geographical distribution by rotation among the regional groups of States. The geographical distribution of the members of the Bureaux of previous sessions of the Governing Council are set out in annex II. The UN-Habitat Assembly may wish to consider the size of the incoming Bureau in the light of the universal nature of the Assembly, with its broader participation and membership.

3. As provided for in rule 18 of the rules of procedure of the Governing Council, one vice-president should be designated to chair the sessional committee of the whole. The remaining vice-presidents would assist the president directly in his or her duties at the plenary meetings and in chairing the ad-hoc drafting committee.

#### Plenary

4. Following previous practice of the Governing Council, it is recommended that work in the plenary meetings be divided into two segments: a high-level segment with statements, which would be held on the first and second days of the session; and a dialogue among national Governments, subnational governments and other Habitat Agenda partners. It should be noted that part of the morning meeting on the first day will be devoted to organizational matters, including elections.

#### High-level segment

5. It is suggested that discussions during the high-level segment be focused on the theme for the session, along with aspects of the provisional agenda, in particular items 9 and 13 therein, pursuant to the findings and recommendations of the Open-ended Working Group, which were endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 73/239. It is expected that, in accordance with the findings and recommendations of the Open-ended Working Group, the work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and the budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for the biennium 2020–2021 will be referred to the Executive Board for consideration.

6. To accommodate the many delegations expected to attend the sessions of the UN-Habitat Assembly, it is recommended that, during the high-level segment, each delegation be allowed a maximum of five minutes of speaking time, and that this limit be strictly adhered to.

7. In establishing the list of speakers for the high-level segment, precedence will be given to Heads of State and Government, ministers and deputy ministers. They will be followed by other heads of government delegations, then by a limited number of representatives of subnational governments, other Habitat Agenda partners and other stakeholders, in accordance with rules 64 and 65 of the rules of procedure of the Governing Council.

### **Dialogue with local authorities and other partners**

8. It should be recalled that, in paragraph 2 of its resolution 16/12, the Governing Council decided to provide opportunities at future sessions for partners to engage in a dialogue among themselves and with national Governments. Such dialogues may, as appropriate, serve as an input to the deliberations at the first session of the UN-Habitat Assembly.

9. In line with the relevant paragraphs of resolution 20/21 of the Governing Council, the Executive Director of UN-Habitat, in consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives, has already chosen the theme of the UN-Habitat Assembly, which will serve as the basis of the dialogue.

10. With a view to increasing the participation in and contribution to the work of the UN-Habitat Assembly on the part of subnational governments and other partners, towards the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the 2030 Agenda, arrangements have been made for the dialogue with subnational governments and other partners to be held during the plenary meeting on the third day of the session.

11. To that end, subnational governments and other partners are encouraged to submit to the secretariat in advance a written summary of their presentations for distribution to all participants ahead of the dialogue session.

12. It should be further recalled that, by resolution 20/21 of the Governing Council, the theme of the dialogue should establish a link between the high-level segment and the dialogue among Governments, subnational governments and other Habitat Agenda partners and provide for cohesion in policy discussions during plenary meetings.

13. It is expected that the presentations to be made by representatives of subnational governments and other partners will be the outcome of consultations among those groups, which will encompass non-governmental organizations, parliamentarians, the private sector, professionals, researchers and labour unions. Arrangements will be made for subnational governments and other partners, should they so wish, to hold consultations in Nairobi immediately prior to the session.

### **Summary by the president**

14. At the end of the high-level segment and the dialogue, the president of the UN-Habitat Assembly, drawing on the deliberations of the two preceding plenary meetings, will prepare a summary of the main issues raised in the high-level segment and the conclusions or recommendations made during the dialogue. That summary will reflect the main thrust of the discussions and key positions set out during the two segments and will be submitted for endorsement at the third plenary meeting. Any draft resolution that may emerge out of the discussions at the plenary meetings will be referred to the drafting committee for action.

15. Once endorsed by the UN-Habitat Assembly as an accurate reflection of discussions during the high-level segment and the dialogue, and subsequent to the required legislative process, the conclusions and recommendations of the president of the Assembly will serve as guidelines for follow-up action by national Governments, subnational governments and other partners and the secretariat, specifically to support activities in the current areas of focus for the work programme, strategic plan and budget of UN-Habitat.

### **Sessional committee of the whole**

16. Bearing in mind the organization of work from previous sessions of the Governing Council and the above-mentioned recommendations regarding the work of the plenary meetings, the UN-Habitat Assembly may wish to establish a sessional committee of the whole that would be accorded responsibility for the detailed consideration of items 9, 10, 11 and 13 of the agenda.

### **Drafting committee**

17. At its nineteenth session, the Governing Council established on an informal basis an ad-hoc open-ended drafting committee, chaired by one of the vice-presidents, to pre-screen draft resolutions submitted by delegations with a view to merging, reconciling or clarifying them, as necessary, prior to their consideration by the Governing Council at the plenary meetings. The UN-Habitat Assembly may wish to continue this practice, which was widely considered to have enhanced the efficiency of the Council's work, with the report of the drafting committee first passing through the committee of the whole for endorsement prior to adoption by the Assembly.

**First meeting of the Executive Board**

18. Following consultations with the Bureau of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, it is recommended that, upon the establishment of the Executive Board, the election of its members and adoption of its rules of procedure by the UN-Habitat Assembly, the first meeting of the Executive Board should be held in the margins of the Assembly. It is proposed that a one-day meeting be held primarily to consider organizational matters and to review and approve the UN-Habitat work programme and budget for 2020. The Bureau of the Committee of Permanent Representatives has also recommended that the meeting of the Executive Board be scheduled so as not to conflict with the plenary meetings of the Assembly.

19. In the light of the expected first meeting of the Executive Board and pursuant to resolution 73/239 of the General Assembly, member States are encouraged to begin caucusing through their regional groups of States on nominations to the 36-member Executive Board, to be elected during the first plenary meeting of the UN-Habitat Assembly.

ADVANCE

## Annex IV

**Proposed organization of work and timetable for the first session of  
the UN-Habitat Assembly, 27–31 May 2019**

<i>Day/Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Committee of the whole</i>	<i>Drafting committee</i>
Monday, 27 May	a.m.	Opening of the session Organizational matters High-level segment Agenda items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6		
	p.m.	High-level segment Agenda items 6, 7, 8 and 9	Agenda items 9 and 10	Consultations on draft resolutions
Tuesday, 28 May	a.m.	High-level segment Agenda items 9, 10 and 11	Agenda item 9 Agenda item 10 Agenda item 11	Consultations on draft resolutions
	p.m.	Continuation of the high-level segment		
Wednesday, 29 May	a.m./p.m.	Dialogue among Governments and other Habitat Agenda partners Special theme, agenda item 12	Agenda item 10 Agenda item 11 Agenda item 13	Consultations on draft resolutions
Thursday, 30 May	a.m.	First meeting of the Executive Board (plenary format)	Review of draft resolutions from the drafting committee	Consultations on draft resolutions
	p.m.	(regular plenary resumes) Approval of draft reports on items 9, 10 and 11 and the report on the draft decision on item 14		
Friday, 31 May	a.m./p.m.	Chair's summary of the high- level segment and dialogue Draft reports of plenary on items 12 and 13 Draft reports of the Committee of the Whole Report on draft resolutions and agenda item 15	Review of draft resolutions from the drafting committee	