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Item 3 of the provisional agenda\*

**Adoption of the agenda and organization of work**

**Annotations to the provisional agenda, including organization of  
work**

**Note by the secretariat**

**Opening of the session**

1. The twentieth session of the Governing Council will be opened at 10 a.m. on Monday, 4 April 2005 by the President of the Governing Council at its nineteenth session, or, in his absence, by one of the other officers of the Governing Council at its nineteenth session.

**Item 1. Election of officers**

2. In accordance with rule 17 of its rules of procedure, the Governing Council will elect a President, three Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur. The geographical distribution of officers elected at previous sessions of the Governing Council is shown in annex II below.

**Documentation**

Annotations to the provisional agenda, including organization of work  
(HSP/GC/20/1/Add.1: paragraphs 2 and 3 of annex III) – **for decision**

**Item 2. Credentials**

3. Under rule 16 of the rules of procedure of the Governing Council, the credentials of representatives must be submitted to the Executive Director at the latest before the end of the first meeting of the session of the Governing Council. The Bureau must then examine such credentials and report on them without delay to the Governing Council.

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\* HSP/GC/20/1.

### **Item 3. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work**

4. Under this item, the Governing Council will adopt its agenda for the twentieth session and thereafter decide on the organization of work for the session. The provisional agenda was approved by the Governing Council at its nineteenth session, held in Nairobi from 5 to 9 May 2003. Notes by the Executive Director proposing an organizational structure and a timetable for the twentieth session appear below in annexes III and annex IV.

#### **Documentation**

Provisional agenda (HSP/GC/20/1) – **for decision**

Annotations to the provisional agenda, including organization of work (HSP/GC/20/1/Add.1) – **for decision**

State of preparedness of documents for the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme at its twentieth session as at 4 February 2005 (HSP/GC/20/INF/1) – **for information**

List of documents before the Governing Council (HSP/GC/20/INF/2) – **for information**

### **Item 4. Activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat): progress report of the Executive Director**

5. Under this item, the Executive Director will report to the Governing Council on, among other matters, the implementation of the mandate and work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) and on the implementation of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Governing Council at its nineteenth session.

#### **Documentation**

Activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme: progress  
Report of the Executive Director (HSP/GC/20/2) – **for decision**

Report of the Executive Director on the second session of the World Urban Forum  
(HSP/GC/20/2/Add.1) – **for decision**

Report of the second session of the World Urban Forum (HSP/GC/20/2/Add.2) – **for information**

Progress in the implementation of the Special Human Settlements Programme for the Palestinian People: report of the Executive Director (HSP/GC/20/2/Add.3) – **for decision**

Global Report on Human Settlements, 2005  
(HSP/GC/20/2/Add.4) – **for information**

UN-Habitat and youth: strategy for enhanced engagement, a working document: note by the secretariat (HSP/GC/20/2/Add.5) – **for decision**

Report on the work of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to UN-Habitat during the intersessional period (HSP/GC/20/3) – **for decision**

Draft resolutions prepared by the Committee of Permanent Representatives to UN-Habitat: note by the secretariat (HSP/GC/20/3/Add.1) – **for decision**

Operational activities report, 2005: note by the secretariat (HSP/GC/20/INF/3) – **for information**

Rules of procedure of the Governing Council (HSP/GC/20/INF.4) – **for information**

Progress report in implementing the Global Campaigns on Urban Governance and Secure Tenure: report on resolution 19/3 (HSP/GC/20/INF/6 – **for information**)

Report on the evaluation of the Global Campaigns on Urban Governance and Secure Tenure (HSP/GC/20/INF/7) – **for information**

#### **Item 5. Special themes**

6. At its nineteenth session, the Governing Council decided that, at its twentieth session, it would consider the following two special themes: (a) involvement of civil society in improving local governance and (b) post-conflict, natural and human-made disasters assessment and reconstruction. Accordingly, the Governing Council will have for its consideration the reports of the Executive Director on those two special themes.

##### **Documentation**

Involvement of civil society in improving local governance (HSP/GC/20/4) – **for decision**;

Post-conflict, natural and human-made disasters assessment and reconstruction (HSP/GC/20/5) – **for decision**.

#### **Item 6. Implementing and monitoring the goal of the United Nations Millennium Declaration on improving the lives of slum dwellers**

7. Under this item, the Governing Council will consider two reports which will be submitted by the Executive Director. The reports will also describe the actions which have been taken by the Executive Director pursuant to Governing Council resolution 19/5, "Implementing and monitoring the goal of the United Nations Millennium Declaration on improving the lives of slum dwellers".

##### **Documentation**

Implementing the goal of the United Nations Millennium Declaration on improving the lives of slum dwellers (HSP/GC/20/6) – **for decision**

Monitoring the implementation of the goal of the United Nations Millennium Declaration on improving the lives of slum dwellers (HSP/GC/20/6/Add.1) – **for decision**

#### **Item 7. Recommendations on decentralization and the strengthening of local authorities**

8. Under this agenda item, the Executive Director will submit, for the consideration of the Governing Council, a report on the implementation of resolution 19/12 which, inter alia, requested the Executive Director to take further steps and measures to intensify the dialogue on the decentralization and strengthening of local authorities between Governments, local authorities and other Habitat Agenda partners.

##### **Documentation**

Dialogue on effective decentralization and the strengthening of local authorities: report of the Executive Director (HSP/GC/20/7) – **for decision**

**Item 8: Strengthening the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation**

9. Under this item, the Executive Director will report on the implementation of the various provisions of Governing Council resolution 19/11 entitled “Strengthening the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation”.

**Documentation**

Strengthening the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation: report of the Executive Director (HSP/GC/20/8) - - **for decision.**

**Item 9. Work programme of UN-Habitat for the 2006–2007 biennium and budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for the 2006–2007 biennium**

10. The work programme of UN-Habitat is synchronized with the budgetary cycle of the United Nations as a whole. Consequently, the current 2004–2005 work programme will end on 31 December 2005. Accordingly, the Executive Director will submit to the Governing Council for its consideration at its twentieth session a draft work programme and programme budget for the biennium 2006–2007.

**Documentation**

Proposed work programme and budget of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for the biennium 2006–2007: report of the Executive Director (HSP/GC/20/9) – **for decision**

Proposed budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for the biennium 2006–2007: report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (HSP/GC/20/9/Add.1) – **for information**

Strategic framework for the period 2006–2007: note by the secretariat (HSP/GC/20/9/Add.2) – **for information**

Draft work programmes of the regional commissions in the field of human settlements for the biennium 2006–2007: note by the secretariat (HSP/GC/20/BD/1) – **for information**

United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation: financial report for the biennium ended 31 December 2004 and report of the Board of Auditors: note by the secretariat (HSP/GC/20/BD/2) – **for information**

Status of voluntary contributions to the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation as at 1 March 2005: note by the secretariat (HSP/GC/20/INF.5) – **for information**

**Item 10. Coordination matters**

**(a) Cooperation between the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and the United Nations Environment Programme**

11. In its resolution 8/14 of 8 May 1985, Commission on Human Settlements and, in its decision 13/12 of 23 May 1985, the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) decided to include in their respective agendas for future sessions an item on cooperation between their two organizations and to discuss the item on the basis of a progress report prepared jointly by their respective executive directors. Accordingly, under this item, the Governing Council will have before it the report that has been prepared jointly by UN-Habitat and UNEP as called for in the above-mentioned resolution and decision.

(b) **Cooperation with agencies and organizations within the United Nations system, intergovernmental organizations outside the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations**

12. In pursuance of its resolution 11/7 of 11 April 1988, on coordination and cooperation with agencies and organizations within the United Nations system, and General Assembly resolution 34/114 of 14 December 1979, on the global report on human settlements and periodic reports on international cooperation and assistance on human settlements, the Governing Council will also have before it, for its consideration, a report by the Executive Director on cooperation between UN-Habitat and agencies and organizations within the United Nations system, intergovernmental organizations outside the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations.

(c) **Matters arising out of the resolutions of major legislative organs of the United Nations and other intergovernmental bodies which are brought to the attention of the Governing Council**

13. Under this item, the Governing Council will be apprised of relevant matters arising out of the decisions of major legislative organs of the United Nations, particularly the fifty-eighth and fifty-ninth sessions of the General Assembly, and other relevant intergovernmental bodies, since the nineteenth session of the Governing Council.

**Documentation**

Joint progress report of the Executive Directors of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and the United Nations Environment Programme (HSP/GC/20/10) – **for decision**

Coordination matters: Cooperation with agencies and organizations within the United Nations system, intergovernmental organizations outside the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations: report of the Executive Director (HSP/GC/20/11) – **for decision**

Matters arising out of the resolutions of major legislative organs of the United Nations and other intergovernmental bodies that are brought to the attention of the Governing Council: note by the secretariat (HSP/GC/20/12) – **for decision**

Principal resolutions adopted by the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth and fifty-ninth sessions of relevance to the work of the Governing Council (HSP/GC/20/BD/3) – **for information**

**Item 11. Themes for the twenty-first and other future sessions of the Governing Council**

14. Under this item, the Governing Council will consider the report of the Executive Director containing proposals and preliminary outlines of the themes that could be considered by the Governing Council at its twenty-first and other future sessions.

**Documentation**

Themes for the twenty-first and other future sessions of the Governing Council: report of the Executive Director (HSP/GC/20/13) – **for decision**

**Item 12. Other matters**

15. Under this item, the Governing Council will consider matters which, although not covered under any particular agenda item, are believed to merit its attention.

**Item 13. Provisional agenda and other arrangements for the twenty-first session of the Governing Council**

16. Under this item, the Governing Council will adopt a provisional agenda for its twenty-first session and decide on the date and other arrangements for that session.

**Documentation**

Provisional agenda and other arrangements for the twenty-first session of the Governing Council (HSP/GC/20/15) (to be prepared in-session) – **for decision**

**Item 14. Adoption of the report of the session**

17. In accordance with paragraph 7 of section I A of General Assembly resolution 56/206 of 21 December 2001, the Governing Council will adopt the report on the work of its twentieth session for submission to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council.

**Item 15. Closure of the session**

## Annex I

### Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme

#### Membership in 2005 \*\*\* (58 members)

##### African States (16)

Burkina Faso (2006)  
Burundi (2006)  
Congo (2007)  
Democratic Republic of the Congo (2006)  
Ghana (2008)  
Kenya (2007)  
Libya Arab Jamahiriya (2008)  
Malawi (2006)  
Nigeria (2007)  
Rwanda (2008)  
Sierra Leone (2006)  
Senegal (2006)  
South Africa (2007)  
Swaziland (2007)  
Uganda (2008)  
United Republic of Tanzania (2008)

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

Argentina (2006)  
Brazil (2006)  
Chile (2006)  
Costa Rica (2007)  
Ecuador (2006)  
Mexico (2007)  
Paraguay (2007)

Three vacant seats\*\*

##### Eastern European States (6)

Belarus (2007)  
Bulgaria (2007)  
Poland (2006)  
Russian Federation (2006)  
Czech Republic (2008)

One vacant seat\*\*

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

Belgium (2008)  
Canada (2008)  
France (2008)  
Germany (2007)  
Greece (2007)  
Israel (2007)  
Netherlands (2006)  
Spain (2007)  
Sweden (2008)  
Turkey (2006)  
United Kingdom of Great Britain (2006)  
and Northern Ireland  
United States of America (2006)

One vacant seat\*\*

##### Asian States (13)

Bangladesh (2008)  
China (2008)  
Indonesia (2006)  
India (2007)  
Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2006)  
Japan (2006)  
Jordan (2007)  
Pakistan (2006)  
Philippines (2007)  
Saudi Arabia (2007)  
Sri Lanka (2007)  
United Arab Emirates (2008)

One vacant seat\*\*

\*\*\* Information received from the Economic and Social Council as at December 2004.

\*\* Vacancy to be filled in January 2005

## Annex II

## Geographical distribution of officers elected at previous sessions of the Governing Council of UN-Habitat

Year	Session of the Governing Council	President	Vice-Presidents	Rapporteur
1978 (Philippines)	First	Western European and other States (Sweden)	African States (Malawi) Eastern European States (Poland) Latin American States (Mexico)	Asian States
1979 (Poland)	Second	African States (Kenya)	Asian States (Pakistan) Latin American States (Mexico) Western European and other States (Sweden)	Eastern European States
1980	Third	Latin American States (Mexico)	African States (Nigeria) Asian States (Iraq) Eastern European States (USSR)	Western European and other States (Netherlands)
1981 States	Fourth	Asian States (Philippines)	African States (Lesotho) Eastern European States (Hungary) Western European and other States (Federal Republic of Germany)	Latin American (Jamaica)
1982 (Egypt)	Fifth	Eastern European States (USSR)	Asian States (Sri Lanka) Latin American States (Jamaica) Western European and other States (Canada)	African States
1983 (Bangladesh)	Sixth	Western European and other States (Finland)	African States (Zambia) Eastern European States (Bulgaria) Latin American States (Argentina)	Asian States
1984	Seventh	African States (Gabon)	Asian States (India) Latin American States (Chile) Western European and other States (United States of America)	Eastern European States (USSR)
1985 (Greece)	Eighth	Latin American States (Jamaica)	African States (Tunisia) Asian States (Sri Lanka) Eastern European States (Hungary)	Western European and other States
1986	Ninth	Western European and other States (Turkey)	African States (Kenya) Asian States (Bangladesh) Eastern European States (Poland)	Latin American States (Chile)
1987 (Kenya)	Tenth	Eastern European States (Bulgaria)	Asian States (Indonesia) Latin American States (Colombia) Western European and other States (Finland)	African States



1988	Eleventh	Asian States (India)	African States (Botswana) Latin American States (Brazil) Western European and other States (United Kingdom)	Eastern European States (Poland)
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 (USSR) 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 (USSR)	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 (Islamic Republic of Iran)
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 Asian States Eastern European States	Latin American States
Under the principle of geographical rotation provided for in rule 17, paragraph 2, of the Governing Council's Rules of Procedure, the following regional groups should provide candidates for the offices in question for the Twentieth session of the Governing Council:				
2005	Twentieth	Eastern European	Asian States Latin American States Western European and others states	African States

## **Annex III**

### **Proposed organizational arrangements for the twentieth session of the Governing Council of UN-Habitat**

#### **Note by the Executive Director**

1. The Governing Council may find it conducive to the efficient conduct of its work during the twentieth session to adopt the specific organizational arrangements set forth below.

#### **A. Bureau**

2. In accordance with rule 17 of the Governing Council's Rules of Procedure, the Bureau should consist of a President, three Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur, elected with due regard to the principle of equitable geographical distribution and rotation among the groups. Annex II to the present notification shows the geographical distribution of members of the Bureau at previous sessions of the Governing Council.

3. As provided for in rule 18 of the Governing Council's Rules of Procedure, one of the Vice-Presidents should be designated to chair the sessional committee of the whole referred to in paragraph 16 below. The remaining two Vice-Presidents would assist the President of the Governing Council directly in his or her duties in plenary and chair the ad hoc drafting committee referred to in paragraph 17 below.

#### **B. Plenary**

4. Following consultations with the Bureau of the Governing Council, it is recommended that the plenary should divide its work into two segments: a high-level segment of ministers, heads of delegations and mayors, which would be held in plenary on the first and second day; and dialogues with local authorities and other partners, to be held on the third day.

#### **C. The high-level segment (first segment of the plenary)**

5. It is suggested that the high-level segment of ministers, heads of delegations and mayors should focus its discussions on the following three agenda items: activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat): progress report of the Executive Director (item 4 of the provisional agenda); work programme of UN-Habitat for the 2006–2007 biennium and budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for the 2006–2007 biennium (item 9 of the provisional agenda); and implementing and monitoring the goal of the United Nations Millennium Declaration on improving the lives of slum dwellers (item 6 of the provisional agenda).

6. Secondly, and with a view to accommodating the 60 to 80 delegations which normally attend the sessions of the Governing Council, it is recommended that, during the high-level segment, each delegation should be allowed a maximum of five minutes' speaking time and that that limit should be strictly adhered to. In that connection, it should be noted that part of the morning session on the first day will be taken up by organizational matters.

7. In establishing the list of speakers for the high-level segment, precedence will be given to ministers and deputy ministers. Those will be followed by other heads of Government delegations and by Habitat Agenda partners.

#### **D. Dialogues with local authorities and other partners (second segment of the plenary)**

8. The two dialogues with local authorities and other partners will focus on recommendations on decentralization and the strengthening of local authorities (item 7 of the provisional agenda) and strengthening the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation (item 8 of the provisional agenda).

9. In that connection, it should be recalled that, in operative paragraph 2 of its resolution 16/12, the Governing Council decided “to provide, at future sessions of the Governing Council, opportunities for partners to engage in a dialogue among themselves and with Governments; such dialogues may, as appropriate, serve as an input to the deliberations of the Governing Council”.

10. In pursuance of the above decision, and with a view to increasing the participation and contribution of local authorities and other partners in the work of the Governing Council, arrangements have been made for dialogues with local authorities and other partners to be held in the plenary on the third day, as indicated in annex IV to the present notification. Those dialogues, which will be on the themes mentioned in paragraph 8 above, will be based on the format followed by Committee II at the Habitat II Conference in Istanbul, whereby representatives of partner groups will be given an opportunity to make a substantive presentation followed by a dialogue or discussion between Governments and partners on the presentations.

11. To that end, local authorities and other partners are encouraged to submit, in advance, a written summary of their presentations to the secretariat for distribution to all participants ahead of the meeting. They are also encouraged to include in their presentations specific issues of strategic importance to the implementation of the work programme of UN-Habitat for the biennium 2006–2007 (document HSP/GC/20/9).

12. It is expected that the presentations to be made by representatives of local authorities and other partners will be the result of a preparatory process (consultations) by those groups, including non-governmental organizations, parliamentarians and the private sector as well as professionals, researchers and labour unions. Arrangements will be made for local authorities and each group of partners to have, if they so wish, consultations in Nairobi immediately prior to the twentieth session of the Governing Council, or at any other time and venue of their choice.

13. Detailed information on the organization of the dialogues is given in annex VI to the present notification.

#### **E. Summaries of the Chair**

14. At the end of the high-level segment and the dialogues with local authorities and other partners, the Presidents, drawing from the deliberations in the two plenary segments, will prepare summaries of the main issues raised in the high-level segment and of the conclusions (or recommendations) made in the dialogues. The two summaries will reflect the main thrust of the discussions and the key positions stated during the two segments and will be submitted to plenary for endorsement.

15. Once endorsed by the Governing Council as an accurate reflection of the high-level segment and the dialogues with partners, the President’s conclusions and recommendations will serve as guidelines for follow-up action by Governments, local authorities, other partners and the secretariat.

#### **F. Sessional committee of the whole**

16. Bearing in mind the organization of work in previous sessions of the Governing Council and the above recommendations on the work of the plenary, the Governing Council may find it advisable to establish a sessional committee of the whole which would be given the responsibility for items 5 (a), 5 (b), 6, 9, 10 and 11, with the remaining items being considered in plenary session.

**G. Drafting committee**

17. At the nineteenth session, on an informal basis, the Governing Council established an ad hoc open-ended drafting committee under the chairmanship of one of the Vice-Presidents to pre-screen draft resolutions submitted by delegations with a view to merging, reconciling or clarifying them, as necessary, before their consideration by the Governing Council. The Governing Council may wish to continue that practice, which was widely acknowledged to have enhanced the efficiency of its work.

**H. Proposed timetable**

18. For the ease of reference, a proposed timetable for the twentieth session of the Governing Council is provided in annex IV to the present notification.

19. A list of the agenda items for the twentieth session of the Governing Council, with corresponding documents, is provided in annex V to the present notification.

## Annex IV

## Proposed organization of work and timetable for the twentieth session of the Governing Council of UN-Habitat

**Nairobi, 4–8 April 2005**

		PLENARY	COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE	DRAFTING COMMITTEE
Monday, 4 April	a.m.	Opening of session Organizational matters: Items 1, 2 and 3 High level segment: Items 4, 6 and 9	-	-
	p.m.	High-level segment: Items 4, 6 and 9	Item 5 (a)	-
Tuesday, 5 April	a.m.	High-level segment: Items 4 and 9		Consultations on draft resolutions
	p.m.	High-level segment: Items 4 and 9	Items 5 (b) and 6	
Wednesday, 6 April	a.m.	Dialogue I on decentralization and strengthening of local authorities (Item 7)	Items 6 and 9	
	p.m.	Dialogue II on strengthening UNHHSF (Item 8)	Item 9	
Thursday, 7 April	a.m.		Items 9, 10 and 11	Consultations on draft resolutions
	p.m.		Draft reports on items 5 (a), 5 (b), 6, 9, 10 and 11.	Consultations on draft resolutions
Friday, 8 April	a.m.	Draft reports of the Committee of the Whole. Draft reports of plenary on items 1,2,3,4, 6 and 9 and on the two dialogues.		Consultations on draft resolutions
	p.m.	Draft resolutions from the Drafting Committee. Items 12, 13, 14 and 15.		

Note: The Drafting Committee will start its work, formally, on Tuesday morning, 5 April 2005. It may continue to work, informally, on Tuesday afternoon and the whole of Wednesday. The meetings of Thursday, 7 April (morning and afternoon) and of Friday, 8 April (morning) will be provided with full interpretation facilities.

## Annex V

### List of agenda items with corresponding documents

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| Item 1  | Election of officers.  |
| Item 2  | Credentials.   |
| Item 3  | Adoption of the agenda and organization of work (HSP/GC/20/1; HSP/GC/20/1/Add.1; HSP/GC/20/INF/1; HSP/GC/20/INF/2).  |
| Item 4  | Activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat): progress report of the Executive Director. (HSP/GC/20/2; HSP/GC/20/2/Add.1; HSP/GC/20/2/Add.2; HSP/GC/20/2/Add.3; HSP/GC/20/2/Add.4, HSP/GC/20/3; HSP/GC/20/3/Add.1; HSP/GC/20/INF/3); Rules of Procedure of the Governing Council to UN-Habitat (HSP/GC/20/INF/4); (HSP/GC/20/2/Add.5; HSP/GC/20/INF/6; HSP/GC/20/INF/7).  |
| Item 5  | Special themes:<br><br>(a) Involvement of civil society in improving local governance (HSP/GC/20/4);<br><br>(b) Post-conflict, natural and human-made disasters assessment and reconstruction (HSP/GC/20/5).   |
| Item 6  | Implementing and monitoring the goal of the United Nations Millennium Declaration on improving the lives of slum dwellers (HSP/GC/20/6; HSP/GC/20/6/Add.1).  |
| Item 7  | Recommendations on decentralization and the strengthening of local authorities (HSP/GC/20/7).  |
| Item 8  | Strengthening the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation (HSP/GC/20/8);   |
| Item 9  | Work programme of UN-Habitat for the 2006–2007 biennium and budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for the 2006–2007 biennium (HSP/GC/20/9; HSP/GC/20/9/Add.1 HSP/GC/20/9/Add.2; HSP/GC/20/BD/1; HSP/GC/20/BD/2; HSP/GC/20/INF/5).  |
| Item 10 | Coordination matters:<br><br>(a) Joint progress report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Settlements Programme and the United Nations Environment Programme (HSP/GC/20/10);<br><br>(b) Cooperation with agencies and organizations within the United Nations system, intergovernmental organizations outside the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations (HSP/GC/20/11);<br><br>(c) Matters arising out of the resolutions of major legislative organs of the United Nations and other intergovernmental bodies brought to the attention of the Governing Council (HSP/GC/20/12; HSP/GC/20/BD.3). |
| Item 11 | Themes for the twenty-first and other future sessions of the Governing Council (HSP/GC/20/13).   |
| Item 12 | Other matters (HSP/GC/20/14).  |

- Item 13            Provisional agenda and other arrangements for the twenty-first session of the Governing Council. (HSP/GC/20/15, to be prepared in-session)
- Item 14            Adoption of the report of the session.
- Item 15            Closure of the session.

## Annex VI

### Dialogues with local authorities and other Habitat Agenda partners

#### Schedule

1. The two dialogues with local authorities and other Habitat Agenda partners will be held in plenary session on Wednesday, 6 April 2005 during the morning and afternoon meetings, as indicated in annex IV.

#### Format

2. The dialogues will be based on the innovative model launched at the Habitat II Conference and successfully revived at the seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth sessions of the Governing Council. Accordingly, the Executive Director and designated representatives of Governments, local authorities and other groups of Habitat Agenda partners will make short, substantive presentations followed by a discussion between delegations and panellists.

3. The two dialogues will be conducted as open discussions directly related to the themes of the dialogues. The discussions will be inclusive and substantive, and their results should be action-oriented. Delegations wishing to do so can, however, provide the secretariat with written statements, in 250 copies, which will be circulated and synthesized in the Presidents' summary to be endorsed by the Governing Council.

#### Expected results

4. The main purpose of the two dialogues is to present and discuss the planned contributions of Governments, local authorities and other Habitat Agenda partners to the implementation of the relevant sections of the Habitat Agenda and the UN-Habitat work programme and related outputs. Accordingly, panellists and delegates are invited to focus their interventions on both the conceptual and operational aspects of the two dialogue themes. Once adopted, the Presidents' conclusions and the recommendations of the dialogues will serve as guidelines for follow-up action by Governments, local authorities, other Habitat Agenda Partners and UN-Habitat itself.

### Dialogue I: Effective decentralization and the strengthening of local authorities

(Wednesday, 6 April 2005; morning session)

5. In its resolution 19/12 of 9 May 2003, the Governing Council requested the Executive Director to take further steps and measures to intensify dialogue on decentralization and the strengthening of local authorities between Governments, local authorities and other Habitat Agenda partners, including through the Committee of Permanent Representatives to UN-Habitat, the Advisory Committee of Local Authorities and the second session of the World Urban Forum, with the aim of developing recommendations to be presented to the twentieth session of the Governing Council and documenting best practices. Resolution 19/12 further endorsed the proposal by the Executive Director to establish a multidisciplinary, ad hoc advisory panel on decentralization to support the dialogue process. It also requested the Executive Director to initiate efforts to mobilize additional extrabudgetary resources to enable the ad hoc advisory panel to perform its tasks.

6. The first step towards the implementation of resolution 19/12 was the establishment by UN-Habitat of an Advisory Group of Experts on Decentralization in Gatineau, Canada, on 9 and 10 March 2004 under the umbrella of the United Nations Advisory Committee of Local Authorities (UNACLA). UNACLA, which was established in January 2000 pursuant to resolution 17/18 to strengthen the international dialogue with local authorities on development issues, has been instrumental in raising the profile of local authorities at the international level. UNACLA members\*

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\* The membership of UNACLA comprises leading local-government representatives from across the world, including the leadership of the newly established United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) organization. Its members are selected by the UN-Habitat Executive Director to ensure a geographical balance. Its current chair is Mr. Joan Clos, Mayor of Barcelona, Spain and President of Metropolis.



have actively participated in the dialogue process on decentralization for the last five years. The task of UNACLA task is to facilitate the dialogue between and among local authorities, national Governments and the United Nations system through a systematic and practical exchange on substantive issues which should contribute to strengthening the role of local authorities in international development and the promotion of democratic governance.

7. The inaugural meeting of Advisory Group of Experts on Decentralization was followed by a dialogue session on decentralization entitled “Urban Renaissance: Towards New Powers for Local Governments in a Globalizing World”, which was held during the second session of the World Urban Forum in Barcelona, Spain from 13 to 17 September 2004. The dialogue session on “Urban Renaissance” put special emphasis on the linkages between urbanization and globalization on one hand and decentralization trends on the other. Given the rapid urbanization of the world and considering the impact of global trends on the lives of the citizens, an innovative strategy which empowers local communities to pursue global standards in harmony with local objectives is key to articulate the need for “more global and more local” interventions, all at one and the same time.

8. On 14 September 2004, the second meeting of the Advisory Group of Experts on Decentralization was convened in Barcelona to finalize the draft guidelines on decentralization and agree on the format of a compendium of best practices on decentralization, in line with resolution 19/12. The proposed guidelines are attached to report HSP/GC/20/7 on the implementation of resolution 19/12. A first draft of the compendium of best practices on decentralization, if available before the twentieth session of the Governing Council, may also be circulated to Council members as an information document.

9. Given the progress made in the implementation of resolution 19/12 and the overall work done by UN-Habitat on decentralization and the strengthening of local authorities, and considering the interest expressed by all Habitat Agenda partners in those activities together with the cooperation agreement between UN-Habitat and UCLG, a dialogue session on decentralization will be held as part of the official deliberations of the Governing Council under agenda item 7. The dialogue will provide a forum for a broader discussion of the principles outlined in the guidelines referred to in paragraph 4 above. Its main purpose will be to ascertain the views of Governments and make recommendations on the implementation of the proposed guidelines.

## **Dialogue II: Financing shelter and urban development**

**(Wednesday, 6 April 2005, afternoon session)**

10. The second dialogue session will provide an opportunity for delegates to the twentieth session of the Governing Council to discuss the three key elements of financing shelter and urban development: the role of cities in subnational, national and regional economic development and how financing shelter and urban infrastructure can serve as strategic investment to accelerate economic growth; the challenge of improving donor coherence in financing shelter and urban development – which will involve consideration of the poverty reduction strategies and the country assistance strategies and their effectiveness in harmonizing the priorities of national Governments, multilateral financial institutions, multilateral development agencies and bilateral development cooperation agencies – and the role of domestic capital markets and financial instruments which can attract private investment for shelter and related urban infrastructure.

11. In addition to discussing those elements of financing human settlements, the dialogue will also serve as an opportunity for delegates to review progress to date on the forthcoming 2005 Global Report on Human Settlements entitled “Financing Human Settlements and Urban Development”. A synthesis of the draft report will be made available to delegates before the twentieth session of the Governing Council.

12. The secretariat plans to invite as panellists for the dialogue accomplished academics, policy-makers and practitioners who will share their experiences on financing shelter and urban development.