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**ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS CENTRE FOR HUMAN SETTLEMENTS
(HABITAT): PROGRESS REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**ROLE OF THE COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE
UNITED NATIONS CENTRE FOR HUMAN SETTLEMENTS (HABITAT)**

Report of the Executive Director

Addendum

Corrigendum

Explanatory Note

1. Document HS/C/18/2/Add.2 entitled "Role of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (UNCHS) (Habitat)", contains the report of the Executive Director which is being submitted to the Commission pursuant to operative paragraph 2 of Commission resolution 17/5. The report contains, *inter alia*, the financial implications of institutionalizing the Committee of Permanent Representatives as an inter-sessional subsidiary body of the Commission. The cost estimates had been presented in the following three options (a) if the meetings were to be held in English only (b) in English and French only, and (c) in all the six official languages of the United Nations.
2. After its review of the above-mentioned report at its meeting of 9 January 2001, the Working Group of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to UNCHS (Habitat) requested the Secretariat to also provide the Commission with the financial implications of the inclusion of Spanish as an official language of the proposed subsidiary body, since Spanish is a working language of the Economic and Social Council.
3. Accordingly, as a corrigendum to the annex of document HS/C/18/2/Add.2, the secretariat has prepared the attached annex in which the cost estimates are now presented in the following four, instead of the original three, options:

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- (a) If the meetings are to be held in English only;
- (b) If the meetings are to be held in English and French only (working languages of the secretariat);
- (c) If the meetings are to be in English, French, and Spanish (working languages of the Economic and Social Council); and
- (d) If the meetings are to be held in all the six official languages of the United Nations (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, and Spanish).

AnnexAnnual cost estimates for servicing the Committee of Permanent Representatives and its two working groups (4 CPR meetings, 24 working group meetings)

	Option 1 English only	Option 2 English, French	Option 3 English French Spanish	Option 4 Six UN languages
1. CPR Meetings (four meetings per year)				
Conference Service preparatory work	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500
Pre-session documentation (32 pages per session)	6,144	27,776	49,664	115,328
Conference Services staff	6,552	6,552	6,552	6,552
Post-session documentation (10 pages per session)	1,920	8,680	15,520	36,040
Miscellaneous	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
<u>Total CPR meetings</u>	21,116	49,508	78,236	164,420
2. CPR Working Group Meetings (24 meetings per year)				
Conference Service preparatory work	10,500	10,500	10,500	10,500
Pre-session documentation (32 pages per session)	36,864	166,656	297,984	691,968
Conference Services staff	39,312	39,312	39,312	39,312
Post-session documentation (10 pages per session)	11,520	52,080	93,120	216,240
Miscellaneous	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000
Total CPR working group meetings	116,196	286,548	458,916	976,020
<u>Grand total</u>	137,312	336,056	537,152	1,140,440

It is assumed that interpretation will be provided by UNON interpreters at no cost to UNCHS (Habitat) out of existing regular budget allocations of UNON.
