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**Implementation by UN-Habitat of the reform  
of the development system and management  
of the United Nations and alignment  
of the planning cycles of UN-Habitat  
with the quadrennial comprehensive policy review process.**

**Abridged version<sup>1</sup> of the options on alignment of the planning  
cycles of UN-Habitat with the quadrennial comprehensive policy  
review process**

*Summary:*

This note is an abridged version of the options for aligning the UN-Habitat Strategic Planning (SP) cycles with the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review Instrument (QCPR) as set out in document HSP/EB.2020/16/Add.1. The objective of alignment is to synchronize the Strategic Plan to commence one year after the commencement of the QCPR as is the practice of most of the Programmes and Funds of the United Nations. The summary also takes into account the need to align the sessions of the UN-Habitat Assembly with this process for the necessary approval of the strategic plans of UN-Habitat

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\* HSP/EB.2020/19.

<sup>1</sup> This abridged version does not replace document HSP/EB.2020/16/Add.1 and the two documents should be read together.

**SP<sup>2</sup>1/HA<sup>3</sup>1 in Figure 1 below** is the current arrangement of UN-Habitat Strategic Plans and corresponding sessions of the UN-Habitat Assembly.

**1. Scenario One: Shorten the approved UN-Habitat Strategic Plan 2020-2023 and develop a Strategic Plan for 2022-2025**

**SP<sup>2</sup>2/HA<sup>2</sup>2 in Figure 1 below** is the rapid alignment option whereby the current Strategic Plan is cut short, and a new Strategic Plan is adopted by the second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly convened in 2021 (rather than in 2023 as planned).

**2. Scenario Two: Retain the current Strategic Plan 2020-2023 for the full term, develop an Interim two-year Strategic plan for the period 2024-2025, and develop a Strategic Plan for the period 2026-2029**

**SP<sup>3</sup>3/HA<sup>3</sup>3 in Figure 1 below** is the gradual alignment option whereby the current Strategic Plan is extended for a two-year period (2024-2025) pursuant to a adoption by the UN-Habitat Assembly at its second session in 2023, and the Strategic Plan 2026-2029 is adopted by the third session of the UN-Habitat Assembly in 2025.

**3. Scenario Three: Extend the current Strategic Plan 2020-2023 by another two years to the period 2020-2025, and develop a Strategic Plan for the period 2026-2029**

**SP<sup>4</sup>4/HA<sup>4</sup>4 in Figure 1 below** : is a slight modification of SP<sup>3</sup>3/HA<sup>3</sup>3 whereby the current Strategic Plan is concluded, and the Habitat Assembly adopts an interim strategic plan of only two-years in duration (2024-2025), with Habitat Assembly second session in 2023 and third session in 2025.

**Figure 1**

<b>QCPR<sup>4</sup></b>	[2017-2018-2019-2020]	[2021-2022-2023-2024]	[2025-2026-2027-2028]	[2029-2030-2031-2032]	
<b>SP1</b>	[2016-2017-2018-2019]	[2020-2021-2022-2023]	[2024-2025-2026-2027]	[2028-2029-2030-2031]	[2032-2033-2034-2035]
<b>HA1</b>	2019	2023	2027	2031	2035
<b>SP2</b>	[2016-2017-2018-2019]	[2020-2021]	[2022-2023-2024-2025]	[2026-2027-2028-2029]	[2030-2031-2032-2033]
<b>HA2</b>	2019	2021	2025	2029	2033
<b>SP3/4</b>	[2016-2017-2018-2019]	[2020-2021-2022-2023]	[2024-2025]	[2026-2027-2028-2029]	[2030-2031-2032-2033]
<b>HA3/4</b>	2019	2023	2025	2029	2033

<sup>2</sup> Strategic Planning

<sup>3</sup> UN-Habitat Assembly

<sup>4</sup> Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review Process