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Addendum

Programme questions: evaluation

(Item 3 (c))

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of the recommendations made by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its forty-fifth session on the in-depth evaluation of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme

1. At its 3rd meeting, on 10 June 2008, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS) on the triennial review of the implementation of the recommendations made by the Committee at its forty-fifth session on the in-depth evaluation of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (E/AC.51/2008/3).

2. The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services introduced the report and the Deputy Director of the New York Office of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) responded to questions raised during the Committee's consideration of the report.

Discussion

3. Several delegations expressed their appreciation for the comprehensive review by OIOS of the implementation of recommendations emanating from its in-depth



evaluation of UN-Habitat. A number of delegations expressed agreement with the conclusions contained in the triennial review.

4. Several delegations commended UN-Habitat for the effective manner in which it had implemented the OIOS recommendations. As a result, UN-Habitat was more efficient, had improved coordination with partners and made better use of limited resources. The work of UN-Habitat had also played an important role in increasing the visibility of slum upgrading and human settlements, as well as in bringing together stakeholders on these issues. A few delegations commented that UN-Habitat should continue to build on its achievements and make further progress towards implementing the recommendations. Several delegations raised questions on the implications for UN-Habitat of implementing the recommendations. The representative of UN-Habitat stated that reform was an ongoing process and that UN-Habitat was indeed continuing to build on its achievements.

Conclusions and recommendations

5. The Committee welcomed the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of the recommendations made by the Committee at its forty-fifth session on the in-depth evaluation of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme.

6. The Committee commended UN-Habitat for implementing the recommendations made by OIOS and for its efforts in improving overall programme efficiencies and effectiveness.

7. The Committee further commended UN-Habitat for aligning its activities with the United Nations in all relevant areas.
