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Draft provisional rules of procedure of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III)

Note by the secretariat

1. The General Assembly, in its resolution 66/207, decided to hold the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) in 2016.
2. In its resolution 67/216, the General Assembly decided that the Preparatory Committee, when considering the rules of procedure of the Committee and the provisional rules of procedure of the Conference, should take into consideration the rules of procedure of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) endorsed by the Assembly in its resolution 50/100 and the established practice of the Assembly.
3. In the past, with respect to the rules of procedure of the preparatory committees of conferences in the economic and social fields, the Assembly decided that the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, as well as the supplementary arrangements established for the Commission on Sustainable Development by the Council in its decisions 1993/215 and 1995/201, shall apply to the meetings of the Committee, as applicable.¹
4. The Bureau-elect of the Preparatory Committee has considered this matter and proposes that the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, as well as the supplementary arrangements established for the Commission on Sustainable Development by the Council in its decisions 1993/215 and 1995/201, should apply, as applicable, to the meetings of the Preparatory Committee for Habitat III.

* A/CONF.226/PC.1/1/Rev.1.

¹ See, for example, resolutions 68/270 and 68/211.

5. In addition, it is proposed that, in keeping with past practice for preparatory committees of conferences in the economic and social fields, the Preparatory Committee shall have a Bureau consisting of two members from each regional group, that the Bureau shall elect its own co-Chairs and that the host country of the Conference shall serve as an ex officio member of the Bureau.
