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Item No. 1 : Confirmation of the Minutes of the 4th Meeting of the 2nd Bureau of the Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development (APMCHUD)

The 4th meeting of the Bureau was held at Jakarta, Indonesia on 6th August, 2009. A copy of the Minutes of the meeting is placed.

The Bureau may consider the Minutes for confirmation.

Minutes of the 4th Meeting of the Second Bureau of APMCHUD on 6th August, 2009 at Jakarta, Indonesia

Venue : Jakarta, Indonesia

Date : 6th August, 2009

List of participants is enclosed.

The Bureau expressed its gratitude to the Government of Indonesia for the excellent arrangements and the courtesies extended to the participants.

Item No 1 : Adoption of the minutes of the third meeting held at Nairobi on 29th March 2009

The Bureau adopted the minutes of the third meeting held at Nairobi on 29th March 2009.

Item No 2 : Action taken report on the decisions taken during the third meeting held at Nairobi on 29th March 2009

The Bureau noted the actions taken by the secretariat on the decisions taken at the third meeting held at Nairobi on 29th March 2009. In respect of the item 8 & 10 relating to the Sub-Regional working group on Slum Upgrading, the Bureau noted that Pakistan and Afghanistan have already forwarded their nominations, while other members are being pursued. Further, in regard to the date for holding the regional workshop on slum upgrading at Mumbai, India, the bureau agreed that the same could be organized by January 2010.

Item No. 3 : Proposed structure of the Permanent Secretariat

The Bureau considered the proposal in detail and decided that support staff be reduced from three to two personnel, who would also undertake protocol duties. The Bureau confirmed the proposed structure with the above modification subject to the structure being considered for any amendment by the next APMCHUD conference at Solo.

Item No. 4 : Review of preparations for the organization of the Third APMCHUD Conference at Solo, Indonesia

The Bureau expresses its satisfaction on the progress presented by the Government of Indonesia. It was further decided that the dates for the event would be June 22-24, 2010. The Bureau stressed on the need for all out efforts for mobilizing larger participation of the member countries in the Conference.

In regard to the proposal of UN-ESCAP for holding a one day Asia Pacific Urban Forum meet in conjunction with the APMCHUD conference at Solo, the UN-ESCAP team presented its concept paper. However, the proposal was not accepted and as a result was not approved by the Bureau.

Item No. 5 : Any other item with the permission of the chair.

The Hon'ble Member from Pakistan expressed that the location of the Permanent Secretariat is yet to be firmed up. In this regard, the Chairperson and the Honorable Bureau Member from the Government of India highlighted that this has been discussed in various meetings and there is no ambiguity on the location of the Permanent Secretariat at New Delhi. This has also been duly reflected in the Tehran Declaration adopted during the 2nd APMCHUD conference. Following the suggestion of the Honorable Member of Pakistan Government, it was decided that the whole related documents be reviewed by the Chief Coordinator and the result submitted to the Bureau. In regard to the request for documents on proceedings of the meetings, the Chairperson desired that the Permanent secretariat may provide the same. In this regard, the Chief Coordinator indicated that all the meeting documents are available in the APMCHUD's website (www.apmchud.com).

The Bureau agreed that the initiatives on the Regional working groups on slum upgrading be taken up as a separate item in the next meeting.

In regard to the next meeting, the Chairman indicated that the Chief Coordinator would interact with the Government of Armenia for finalizing the date for holding the 5th meeting of the Second Bureau.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

List of Participants 4th Meeting of the Second Bureau APMCHUD

Bureau Members

H.E. Mohammad Saeedi Kia (in chair)
Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Islamic Republic of Iran

H.E. Mohammad Yusuf Asy'ari
State Minister for Housing, Republic of Indonesia

H.E. Ms. Kumari Selja
Minister for Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation and Minister for Tourism, Republic of India

H.E. Rahmatullah Kakar
Minister for Housing and Works, Islamic Republic of Pakistan

Mrs. Yang Lingzhu
Counselor, China Embassy

Mr. Sunil K. Singh, Chief Coordinator of the Bureau &
Joint Secretary (Housing), Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation, Government of India

Special Invitees:

UN-HABITAT

1. Dr. Markenday Rai, Chief, Global Parliamentarians and Trade Unions, Monitoring and Research
2. Mr. Dodo Juliman, Program Manager UN-Habitat Indonesia (representing ROAP)

UN-ESCAP

1. Mr. Adnan Aliani, Sustainable Urban Development Unit
2. Ms. Karin Andersson, Sustainable Urban Development Unit

Other Participants:

Islamic Republic of Iran

1. Mr. Seyed Abolfazl Mosavi Bioki, Deputy Minister & Director of Company for Urban Reconstruction
2. H.E. Behrooz Kamalvandi, Ambassador of Islamic Republic of Iran to Indonesia

3. Mr. Sadehg Sadehgpour, International Affairs Department
4. Mr. Rasoul Dehhaqi, Protocol, Ministry of Housing

Republic of India

1. Mr. Muktesh Pardeshi, Counsellor (Political), Embassy of India
2. Mr. V.V.S. Kharayat, APS to Minister for Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation, Republic of India

Islamic Republic of Pakistan

1. Mr. Mirza Salman Babar Beg, Second Secretary/Charge' d' Affaires a.i., Embassy of Pakistan, Jakarta

People's Republic of China

1. Mr. Ban Yongzhi, Third Secretary of China Embassy

Republic of Indonesia

1. H.E. Budi Bowoleksono
Ambassador Republic Indonesia to Kenya and CPR of UN-Habitat and UNEP
2. Mr. Rezlan Izhar Jenie
Director General of Multilateral Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
3. Mr. Ismanto
Senior Advisor for Social-Cultural and Community Participation, Ministry of Public Works
4. Dr. Iskandar Saleh, Secretary State Ministry of Housing
5. Mr. Joko Widodo, Mayor of Solo
6. Mr. Antonius Budiono, Secretary Directorate General of Human Settlements, Ministry of Public Works and Chairman of Executing Committee, Habitat Indonesia National Secretariat
7. Mr. Ghafur A. Darmaputra, Director of Economic and Environmental Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
8. Dr. Ramalis Subandi, Special Staff (Inter-institutional Affairs) to the State Minister for Housing
9. Mr. Mohammad Siradj Parwito, Deputy Director Sectoral Development Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
10. Dr. Hadi Sucahyono, Deputy Director for Policy and Strategy of Human Settlements, Ministry of Public Works and Program Manager for Habitat Indonesia National Secretariat

11. Dr. Lana Winayanti, Deputy Director for Self-help Housing Policy Implementation, State Minister of Housing and Program Manager for Habitat Indonesia National Secretariat

12. Mr. Agung Cahaya Sumirat, Section Head for Information, Communication and Technologies Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

APMCHUD Secretariat

1. Dr. P Jayapal, Executive Director (Urban & Regional Planning), Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd (HUDCO), New Delhi
2. Mr. Rajesh Goel, Chief (Projects), Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd (HUDCO), New Delhi.

Item No. 2 : Action taken report on the decision of the 4th Meeting of the Second Bureau held at Jakarta, Indonesia

Decision taken	Action taken
Item No.2: Action taken report on the decisions taken during the third meeting held at Nairobi on 29th March 2009	
<p>In respect of item 8 & 10 relating to the Sub-Regional working group on Slum Upgrading, the Bureau noted that Pakistan and Afghanistan have already forwarded their nominations, while other members are being pursued.</p> <p>Further, in regard to the date for holding the regional workshop on slum upgrading at Mumbai, India, the bureau agreed that the same could be organized by January 2010.</p>	<p>The South-Asian Member countries have been requested again to nominate Members on the Sub-Regional Working Group. Nominations from Nepal have been received.</p> <p>The nominations are still awaited from other countries.</p>
Item No.3 : Proposed Structure of the Permanent Secretariat	
<p>The Bureau considered the proposal in detail and decided that support staff be reduced from three to two personnel, who would also undertake protocol duties. The Bureau confirmed the proposed structure with the above modification subject to the structure being considered for any amendment by the next APMCHUD conference at Solo.</p>	<p>The modified proposal as approved by the Bureau on the proposed structure of the Permanent Secretariat shall be placed for consideration of the APMCHUD conference at Solo.</p>
Item No.4: Review of preparations for the organization of the Third APMCHUD Conference at Solo, Indonesia	
<p>The Bureau expressed its satisfaction on the progress presented by the Government of Indonesia. It was further decided that the dates for the event would be June 22-24, 2010. The Bureau stressed on the need for all out efforts for mobilizing larger participation of the member countries in the Conference.</p>	<p>A separate agenda item has been placed in the current meeting (5th) of the Bureau to review the preparations for the APMCHUD Conference at Solo, Indonesia.</p>

Item No.5: Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

The Hon'ble Member from Pakistan expressed that the location of the Permanent Secretariat is yet to be firmed up. In this regard, the Chairperson and the Honorable Bureau Member from the Government of India highlighted that this has been discussed in various meetings and there is no ambiguity on the location of the Permanent Secretariat at New Delhi. This has also been duly reflected in the Tehran Declaration adopted during the 2nd APMCHUD conference. Following the suggestion of the Honorable Member of Pakistan Government, it was decided that the whole related documents be reviewed by the Chief Coordinator and the result submitted to the Bureau.

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As indicated in the 4th meeting of the Bureau, all the documents pertaining to the various meetings and conferences have been uploaded on the APMCHUD website (www.apmchud.com). Further, as decided in the minutes of the 4th Meeting, the whole related documents relating to the establishment of the Permanent Secretariat have been carefully reviewed by the Chief Coordinator and it is unambiguously noted that the location of Permanent Secretariat at New Delhi has been duly confirmed by the Bureau in its various meetings as well as in the Tehran Conference.

This is clearly brought out from the proceedings of various meetings, as briefly mentioned below:-

- The Delhi Declaration pronounced by the First conference of APMCHUD in December 2006 at New Delhi, decided that the Bureau would convene within four months to identify the modalities of establishing the Secretariat and other organs and upon finalization of the modalities of establishment of the Secretariat and other organs, the same may be put as an Appendix to the Delhi Declaration;
- The Bureau in its first meeting held at Nairobi on 15th April, 2007 deliberated on the location of the Permanent Secretariat of the APMCHUD. During the meeting, the Minister from Iran proposed that the Permanent Secretariat be set up at New Delhi that was duly supported by Jordan. The Vice Minister from China indicated that they would like to provide their views shortly, but also said that China would definitely like to go along with the views of the other Bureau Members in this regard. No response from China was received later and it was taken that China has no objections on the proposals made by Iran and Jordan.
- As decided in the 1st meeting, the detailed proposal on establishment of the Permanent Secretariat was placed for deliberations in the 2nd meeting of the Bureau held at Amman, Jordan on 27-28th October, 2007. During the meeting, the Bureau was informed that the Permanent Executive Secretariat would initially be supported by Government of India and Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd. (HUDCO) with skeleton staff and logistic arrangements. The Bureau appreciated the decision of the Government of India to support the establishment of the Permanent Secretariat of the Bureau in Delhi and approved

of the Permanent Secretariat of the Bureau in Delhi and approved the Agenda Item. This confirmed the location of the Permanent Secretariat.

- In the 3rd meeting of the Bureau held recently on 3rd February, 2008 at Tehran, when the item on confirmation of the Minutes of the 2nd meeting was being deliberated, the representative of China, Mr. Yu Fulong, Counsellor, Embassy of China in Tehran expressed the opinion that there may not be a requirement for a permanent Executive Secretariat. It was also expressed by China that such a decision on location of the Secretariat should be considered at a wider level.

The position in regard to the developments in the 1st and 2nd meeting were explained and even supported by the representative from UN-HABITAT. After detailed deliberations, the Bureau ratified the minutes while also recording the comments of the representative of China.

- The 2nd Conference of APMCHUD held at Tehran during May 12-14, 2008, expressed their appreciation and gratitude to the government of India, and especially the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation, for the great effort and work by the **APMCHUD Permanent Secretariat** and as the first chair of the Bureau and on the progress made in implementing the New Delhi declaration, and to UN-HABITAT for its continued support to the Conference and its work in the region. The acceptance of the location of APMCHUD Permanent Secretariat was implicit in this appreciation. Further, the issue of location of Permanent Secretariat was not raised by any member indicating its wider acceptance.
- In the subsequent meetings of the Bureau held at New Delhi on 13th October, 2008 and at Nairobi on 29th March, 2009, the issue of strengthening the Bureau Secretariat was discussed and discussions were focused on the structure of the same. In none of these meetings, the issue of the location of Permanent Secretariat was referred by any member.

The matter could be summed up as following:

The APMCHUD in Delhi Declaration had delegated the matter of identifying the modalities of establishing a Permanent

	<p>Secretariat to the Bureau and upon finalization, these modalities were to become annexure to Delhi declaration. The Bureau in its meeting confirmed the location of the Secretariat and also deliberated and finalized the structure of the same. The second APMCHUD at Tehran expressed its appreciation and gratitude to M/o HUPA, Government of India for the efforts and work by Permanent Secretariat. The acceptance of location of the Permanent Secretariat was implicit in that. The 3rd APMCHUD meeting would consider the structure of Permanent Secretariat as finalized in 4th meeting of 2nd Bureau of APMCHUD.</p>
<p>The Bureau agreed that the initiatives on the Regional working groups on slum upgrading be taken up as a separate item in the next meeting.</p>	<p>A separate item has been placed in the current meeting (5th) of the Bureau.</p>
<p>In regard to the next meeting, the Chairman indicated that the Chief Coordinator would interact with the Government of Armenia for finalizing the date for holding the 5th meeting of the Second Bureau.</p>	<p>The Republic of Armenia , graciously offered to host the 5th meeting at Yerevan, which however could not be organized due to scheduling requirements. Accordingly this meeting is being held at Tehran.</p>

The Bureau may kindly note.

Item No. 3 : Review of Preparations for the organization of the Third Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development at Solo, Indonesia

The Bureau in its 4th Meeting held at Indonesia had a detailed review of the status of preparation for the organization of the Third Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development at Solo, Indonesia, wherein Bureau expressed its satisfaction on the progress made by the Government of Indonesia. The Bureau had also stressed on the need for all out efforts for mobilizing larger participation of the member countries in the Conference.

The current status of the preparation for the 3rd APMCHUD Conference at Solo would be presented by the Government of Indonesia during the Bureau Meeting.

Item No. 4 : Proposal for participation in the ‘World Urban Forum 5 : The Right to the City – Bridging the Urban Divide’ at Rio de Janeiro – Brazil (March 22-26, 2010).

The Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing & Urban Development (APMCHUD) had actively participated in the World Urban Forum 4 held at Nanjing, People’s Republic of China during November 3-6, 2008 on the theme of ‘Harmonious Urbanization : The Challenge of Balanced Territorial Development’. During the World Urban Forum, the APMCHUD was given a special slot in the Ministerial Round Table wherein the Hon’ble Chairperson of APMCHUD had made a statement on the perception and views of APMCHUD on the theme of Harmonious Urbanization in the Asia Pacific Region. Further, a background paper and speech of the Chairperson was distributed to the participants.

The next World Urban Forum 5 is scheduled to be held in Rio de Janeiro – Brazil during 22-26 March, 2010. It is proposed that in line with the actions taken during the last World Urban Forum, APMCHUD may place a statement on the 5th World Urban Forum. If agreed by the Bureau, the Chairperson may be authorized to forward a statement to be placed in the World Urban Forum 5 at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

The Bureau may consider.

Item No. 5 : Establishment of Sub-regional Slum Upgrading Working Groups as stipulated in the Action Plan for Regional Cooperation on promoting Sustainable Urban Development among Asia-Pacific countries

Towards establishment of the Sub-regional Slum Upgrading Working Groups for South Asian Sub-region, the Secretariat has communicated with the respective members countries for their nominations. The nominations from Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nepal have been received and the nominations from other countries in the sub-region are awaited.

The Islamic Republic of Iran, who have taken the lead for the formation of the sub-regional sub-group for South-Asia may like to make a brief presentation to the Bureau.

The Bureau may also like to request its members to take initiative for forming the sub-working groups for their respective regions also.

The Bureau may consider.

Item No. 6 : Any other item with the permission of the Chair.