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### Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections

## Election of the Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme

### Note by the Secretary-General

1. The General Assembly, in its resolution [56/206](#) of 21 December 2001, decided to transform the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements into the secretariat of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat). In the same resolution, the Assembly also decided that the secretariat of UN-Habitat should be headed by an Executive Director at the level of Under-Secretary-General, to be elected by the Assembly for a term of four years upon nomination by the Secretary-General after consultation with Member States.
2. On 22 December 2017, the General Assembly, in its decision 72/413, approved the proposal of the Secretary-General to elect Maimunah Mohd Sharif (Malaysia) as Executive Director of UN-Habitat, at the Under-Secretary-General level, for a term of office of four years. Ms. Sharif took up her duties on 20 January 2018 and, accordingly, her term of office will end on 19 January 2022.
3. In the light of the provisions of resolution [56/206](#), the Secretary-General proposes to the General Assembly that the term of office of Ms. Sharif as Executive Director of UN-Habitat be extended for two years, from 20 January 2022 to 19 January 2024.
4. The Secretary-General trusts that the Assembly will approve the term extension.

