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**State of the World's Cities, 2004/2005**

**Note by the secretariat**

1. The *State of the World's Cities* is a flagship report of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, UN-Habitat. The 2004/2005 report will be launched during the second session of the World Urban Forum on Tuesday, 14 September 2004, and made available to participants.
2. The 2004/2005 edition of the report focuses on the impacts of globalization on cities, with special reference to cultural impacts. In this context, the report highlights the realities faced by urban populations and urban policy makers. The General Assembly, through its resolution 55/194 of 20 December 2000 (part VI, para.1), encouraged United Nations Member States and Habitat Agenda partners "to provide support for the preparation of the *Global Report on Human Settlements* and the *State of the World's Cities* report on a biennial basis so as to raise awareness of human settlements and to provide information on urban conditions and trends around the world".

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