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**Activities of the United Nations Human Settlements
Programme (UN-Habitat), including coordination matters**

Draft resolution

Medium-term strategic and institutional plan for 2008–2013

The Governing Council,

Recalling its resolution 20/19 requesting the Executive Director, in consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives, to develop a six-year medium-term strategic and institutional plan for submission to the Governing Council at its twenty-first session,

Further recalling its request in that same resolution that the Executive Director develop an overarching resource mobilization strategy, including options adopted by other United Nations bodies for broadening the donor base and, in particular, encouraging non-earmarked contributions,

1. *Commends* the United Nations Human Settlements Programme on having developed a sharply focused, results-based medium-term strategic and institutional plan and having done so through extensive consultations with all staff of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, external partners, including other United Nations organizations, and the Committee of Permanent Representatives;

2. *Welcomes* the enhanced normative framework of the plan and its capacity-building and pre-investment strategy at the country level to leverage international finance with domestic capital and community savings in support of the attainment of the human settlements-related targets of the Millennium Development Goals, in line with the United Nations reform process;

3. *Further welcomes* the establishment of policies, strategies and operational guidelines for enhancing the catalytic role of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme in, among other

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areas, partnerships, resource mobilization, [sustainable recovery and reconstruction] and the [revitalization of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation];

4. *Recognizes* the plan's focus on mobilizing and supporting partners for the implementation of the focus and result areas of the plan and in support of its vision of stabilizing, reducing and ultimately reversing the formation of slums, its overarching goal for sustainable urbanization and its corresponding management reforms designed to ensure the successful implementation of the plan;

5. *Further recognizes* the inclusion in the plan of strategies for attaining management excellence, so as to ensure the greater effectiveness and efficiency of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, including programme-wide alignment and coherence; integrated monitoring and evaluation; communication, branding and reporting; and human resources management, and to enhance visibility and appeal in support of its resource mobilization strategy;

6. *Approves* the United Nations Human Settlements Programme medium-term strategic and institutional plan for the period 2008–2013 and the corresponding implications for the work programme and budget for 2008–2009;

7. *Encourages* all Member States to establish or strengthen broad-based national Habitat committees to serve as one of the key interfaces for the implementation of the enhanced normative framework for global and country-level operations;

8. *Further urges* all member States in a position to do so to provide in-kind and cash contributions to meet the start-up costs of implementing the Plan;

9. *Calls upon* all Habitat Agenda partners¹ to support the full and effective implementation of the Plan;

10. *Requests* the Executive Director to strengthen partnerships with other United Nations organizations, the World Bank Group and regional development banks in order to support the attainment of the plan's overarching goal and vision in line with the system-wide reform;

11. *Requests* the Executive Director to establish an annual peer-review process² in close collaboration with the Committee of Permanent Representatives and to report on the implementation of the present resolution to the Governing Council at its twenty-second session.

¹ The Habitat Agenda partners include: local authorities, non-governmental and community-based organizations, the private sector, parliamentarians, foundations, trade unions, professionals and researchers, academies of science and engineering, human solidarity groups, youth groups and women's groups.

² To comprise a cross-section of Habitat Agenda partners and other partners, including other United Nations organizations and international and domestic financial institutions.