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

Draft resolution

Proposed work programme and budget of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for 2008-2009

The Governing Council,

Recalling the commitments made by Governments in the United Nations Millennium Declaration to achieving a significant improvement in the lives of at least 100 million slum dwellers by 2020 and, at the World Summit on Sustainable Development, to reducing by half the proportion of people without sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation by the year 2015,

Taking into account General Assembly resolution 60/203 of 13 March 2006, calling for increased voluntary contributions and recognizing the continued urgent need for increased and predictable financial contributions to the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation,

Acknowledging the six-year Medium-term Strategic and Institutional Plan approved by the Governing Council as the overarching future strategy for the programme of work, financial and human resources of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme,

Having considered the proposed biennial integrated work programme and budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for the biennium 2008–2009 and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,

1. Approves the proposed work programme and budget for 2008–2009;²

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^{*} HSP/GC/21/1.

See General Assembly resolution 55/2 of 8 September 2000.

² HSP/GC/21/4.

- 2. Also approves the general purpose budget of [\$32,795,100] and endorses the special purpose budget of \$72,933,500 for the biennium 2008–2009 as outlined in the proposed work programme and budget for 2008–2009;
- 3. *Endorses* the organizational and budget scenarios presented in the report by the Executive Director on the supplementary budget for implementing the Medium-term Strategic and Institutional Plan ³ in line with the Medium-term Strategic and Institutional Plan and authorizes the Executive Director, subject to the availability of resources, to make additional commitments of up to \$15 million against general purpose funds, as well as any additional special purpose funds;
- 4. *Further* approves an increase in the general purpose statutory reserve from \$2,419,100 to [\$3,279,500] for the biennium 2008–2009;
- 5. Takes note of the report on the review of the administrative arrangements at the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, including its relationship with the United Nations Office at Nairobi;⁴
- 6. *Calls upon* the Executive Director, in consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives, to revise the biennial strategic framework for 2008–2009 for presentation to the Committee on Programme and Coordination in alignment with the six-year Medium-term Strategic and Institutional Plan approved by the Governing Council at its twenty-first session;
- 7. *Requests* the Executive Director to revise the biennial work programme and budget for 2008–2009 in consultation with [and for approval by] the Committee of Permanent Representatives in alignment with the revised biennial strategic framework for 2008–2009;
- 8. *Requests* the Executive Director to report periodically to Governments, including through the Committee of Permanent Representatives, on progress made in the implementation of the work programme and budget for the biennium 2008–2009;
- 9. Also requests the Executive Director to ensure timely and detailed consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives during the preparation of both a prioritized strategic framework for 2010–2011 and a prioritized, results-based work programme and budget for the 2010–2011 biennium, both aligned to the six-year Medium-term Strategic and Institutional Plan approved by the Governing Council at its twenty-first session;
- 10. Authorizes the Executive Director, in the event of a shortfall or a surplus in income, to adjust [in consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives,] the level of allocations for programme activities to bring it in line with the actual level of income;
- 11. *Also authorizes* the Executive Director to reallocate general-purpose resources between subprogrammes up to a maximum of 25 per cent of the total general-purpose budget [in consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives];
- 12. *Requests* the Executive Director to report all reallocations and adjustments to the Committee of Permanent Representatives in her quarterly financial reports.

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³ HSP/GC/21/4/Add.2.

⁴ HSP/GC/21/5/Add.3.