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

**Draft resolution**

**Guiding principles on access to basic services for all**

*The Governing Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 20/5 on access to basic services for all within the context of sustainable human settlements and cognizant of the report of the Executive Director on access to basic services, which sets out guiding principles on access to basic services for all,<sup>1</sup>

*Also recalling* the Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium, by which the General Assembly resolved to promote access to safe drinking water for all and to facilitate the provision of basic infrastructure and urban services, including adequate sanitation, waste management and sustainable transport through transparent and accountable management of public services and also partnerships with the private sector and non-profit organizations for the delivery of those services,<sup>2</sup>

1. *Expresses appreciation* for the leading role of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and the contribution of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research in the consultative process which led to the development of the guiding principles on access to basic services for all;
2. *Recommends* that the issue of basic services for all be considered by the United Nations Economic and Social Council with a view to promoting the use of the guiding principles among United Nations bodies;
3. *Encourages* relevant United Nations bodies and other international and regional organizations to mainstream the guiding principles in their development policies and programmes;

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1 Activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme: progress report of the Executive Director: addendum: guiding principles on access to basic services for all (HSP/GC/21/2/Add.7).

2 General Assembly resolution S-25/2, annex, paragraph 59.

4. *Requests* the United Nations Human Settlements Programme to develop draft guidelines on access to basic services for all, based on further consultations with other United Nations bodies and concerned stakeholders and in line with the draft guidelines on decentralization<sup>3</sup> and the guiding principles on access to basic services for all, which should be submitted to the Governing Council for its consideration at its twenty-second session;

5. *Encourages* Governments to provide technical and financial support for the process outlined in paragraph 2 of the present resolution;

6. *Requests* the United Nations Human Settlements Programme to assist interested Governments in adapting the guiding principles and any guidelines adopted by the Governing Council to their national contexts, where appropriate;

7. *Also requests* the United Nations Human Settlements Programme further to develop tools and indicators as part of its support for the application of the guiding principles and guidelines referred to above;

8. *Invites* Governments to undertake further concerted and coordinated action to place the issue of access to basic services for all at the centre of their national development policies and to strengthen their legal and institutional frameworks to provide for the delivery of basic services;

9. *Requests* the Executive Director to include a discussion of the implementation of the present resolution in her overall progress report to the twenty-second session of the Governing Council.

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3 Activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme: progress report of the Executive Director: addendum: cooperation with local authorities and other Habitat Agenda partners, including draft guidelines on decentralization and the strengthening of local authorities (HSP/GC/21/2/Add.2), annex.