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**Resolution 21/1: Proposed work programme and budget of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme**

The Governing Council,

Recalling the commitments made by Governments in the United Nations Millennium declaration<sup>1</sup> to achieving a significant improvement in the lives of at least 100 million slum dwellers by 2020 and, in the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, held in Johannesburg, South Africa, from 26 August to 4 September 2002, 2 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 22 December 2005 calling for continued financial support to the United Nations Human Settlements Programme through increased voluntary contributions to the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation and inviting Governments to provide multi-year funding to support programme implementation,

Acknowledging the six-year Medium-term Strategic and Institutional Plan<sup>3</sup> 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 work programme and budget<sup>4</sup> and the addendum thereto on the proposed programme budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for the biennium 2008–2009<sup>5</sup> and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,<sup>6</sup>

Approves the proposed work programme and budget for 2008–2009; 7

Requests the Executive Director to prepare, in consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives, a revised strategic framework and work programme and budget for the 2008–2009 biennium incorporating the following issues:

(a) Revision and alignment of objectives, strategies, outputs, resource requirements and budget allocations in accordance with the six-year Medium-term Strategic and Institutional Plan,<sup>8</sup> including a revised timetable for the principal activities of its implementation;

(b) Clear definition of the priorities under different budget scenarios in a way which would lead to the maximum possible degree of implementation of the Medium-term Strategic and institutional Plan, including a clear indication of the human resource needs following an assessment and prioritization of the required posts under each scenario, taking into consideration both staff redeployment and additional staff;

(c) Inclusion of a timetable for the preparation of and consultation on the strategic framework and the work programme and budget for the biennium 2010–2011;

1 [General Assembly resolution 55/2.](#)

2 Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August–4 September 2002 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1 and corrigendum),

chap. I, resolution 2, annex.

3 [Governing Council resolution 21/2.](#)

4 [HSP/GC/21/4.](#)

5 [HSP/GC/21/4/Add.2.](#)

6 [HSP/GC/21/4/Add.1.](#)

7 [HSP/GC/21/4](#) and [Add.2.](#)

8 [Governing Council resolution 21/2.](#)

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;

Authorizes the Executive Director, subject to the availability of resources, to make additional commitments of up to \$15 million for the implementation of the revised work programme and budget against general-purpose funds as well as against any additional special-purpose funds;

Approves an increase in the general-purpose statutory reserve from \$2,419,100 to \$3,279,500 for the biennium 2008–2009;

Takes note of the review of the administrative arrangements at the United Nations Human settlements Programme, including its relationship with the United Nations Office at Nairobi;<sup>9</sup>

Requests the Executive Director to develop a specific gender equality action plan for 2008-2013, concerning the policies, programmes and activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme together with performance indicators so as to ensure tangible and measurable gains for the realization of gender equality, to be submitted to the Governing Council at its twenty-second session;

Also requests the Executive Director to report periodically to Governments, including through the Committee of Permanent Representatives, using a results-based format, on progress made in the implementation of the revised work programme and budget for the biennium 2008-2009;

Further 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; 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 into line with the actual level of income;

Also authorizes the Executive Director to reallocate general-purpose resources between sub programmes in an amount up to 10 per cent of the total general-purpose budget;

Further authorizes the Executive Director to reallocate, in consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives, in excess of 10 per cent and up to 25 per cent of the total general purpose budget;

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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