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Work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for the biennium 2010–2011

Draft resolution on the work programme and budget of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for the biennium 2010–2011

Submission by the drafting committee

The Governing Council,

Recalling the commitments made by Governments in the United Nations Millennium Declaration¹ to achieving a significant improvement in the lives of at least 100 million slum-dwellers by 2020 and in the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development² to reducing by half the proportion of people without access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation by 2015,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 60/203 of 13 March 2006, which called 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,

Taking into account the approved six-year medium-term strategic and institutional plan for the period 2008–2013 as the overarching future strategy for the programme of work, financial and human resources of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme,

Welcoming the progress made to date in the implementation of the medium-term strategic and institutional plan, including results-based management, quick wins and imperative actions listed in the plan, the World Urban Forum, the country activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, the Slum Upgrading Facility, the Water and Sanitation programme and the experimental reimbursable seeding operations,

Having considered the proposed work programme and budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for the biennium 2010–2011³ and the recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁴

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

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 HSP/GC/22/5.

4 HSP/GC/22/INF/5.

Noting with satisfaction the recently developed gender action plan for 2008–2013 relating to policies, programmes and activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme,

1. *Approves* the proposed work programme and budget for 2010–2011;
2. *Also approves* the general-purpose budget of \$66,190,500 and endorses the special-purpose budget of \$95,717,700 for the biennium 2010–2011 detailed in the proposed work programme and budget for 2010–2011;⁵
3. *Further approves* an increase in the general-purpose statutory reserve from \$3,279,500 to \$6,619,500;
4. *Requests* the Executive Director to report, using a results-based framework, on the execution of the work programme against each of its expected accomplishments to Governments through the Committee of Permanent Representatives on a half-yearly basis, and also to the Governing Council;
5. *Also requests* the Executive Director to continue the full implementation of the approved six-year medium-term strategic and institutional plan;
6. *Further requests* the Executive Director to ensure timely and close consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives during the preparation of a prioritized, results-based strategic framework and the work programme and budget for the biennium 2012–2013, both aligned with the approved six-year medium-term strategic and institutional plan;
7. *Calls upon* the Executive Director to report, using a results-based framework, on a half-yearly basis on progress made, challenges encountered, foreseeable issues and next steps in the implementation of the medium-term strategic and institutional plan to Governments through the Committee of Permanent Representatives and to the Governing Council at its twenty-third session;
8. *Also calls upon* the Executive Director, in consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives, to conduct a midterm review of the medium-term strategic and institutional plan and to present the results to the Governing Council at its twenty-third session;
9. *Requests* the Executive Director, in keeping with resolution 21/10 of the Governing Council, to continue the implementation of the experimental reimbursable seeding operations and other innovative financial mechanisms and to commission an external evaluation to assess the progress of the implementation of these activities, building on paragraphs 7 (g) and 7 (i) of the said resolution and the principles contained in paragraph 6.36 of the operational procedures and guidelines for the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation experimental reimbursable seeding operations as endorsed by the Committee of Permanent Representatives on 3 April 2008;
10. *Also requests* the Executive Director to report on progress made in the implementation of the gender equality action plan for 2008–2013 to the Governing Council at its twenty-third session;
11. *Further requests* the Executive Director to facilitate a gender equality action forum that will meet in conjunction with the sessions of the Governing Council and World Urban Forum to enable partners to assess progress made in the implementation of the gender equality action plan;
12. *Calls upon* the Executive Director to re-prioritize systematically, whenever necessary, activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for 2010–2011 in a realistic and pragmatic manner against substantial change in funding scenarios and inform the Committee of Permanent Representatives accordingly;
11. *Authorizes* the Executive Director, in the event of a shortfall or 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;
12. *Also authorizes* the Executive Director to reallocate general-purpose resources between subprogrammes in an amount up to 10 per cent of the total general-purpose budget;
13. *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;
14. *Requests* the Executive Director to report all reallocations and adjustments to the Committee of Permanent Representatives in the quarterly financial reports.

5 Ibid.