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Other matters

Draft resolution on South-South cooperation in human settlements

Submission by the drafting committee

The Governing Council,

Recalling United Nations General Assembly resolution 60/1 of 16 September 2005 adopting the 2005 World Summit Outcome, which recognizes the achievements and great potential of South-South cooperation and encourages the promotion of such cooperation, as a means of sharing best practices and providing enhanced technical cooperation,

Recalling also the Doha Declaration on Financing for Development: outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus, endorsed by the General Assembly in resolution 63/239 of 24 December 2008, which encourages developing countries in a position to do so to continue to make concrete efforts to increase and make more effective their South-South cooperation initiatives in accordance with the principles of aid effectiveness,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 62/209 of 19 December 2007, in which it decided to convene a high-level United Nations conference on South-South cooperation and welcoming the offer of the Government of Kenya to host that conference,

Reaffirming the increased importance of South-South cooperation to help developing countries, at their request and under their ownership and leadership, to develop capacities in order to achieve their national goals, with special emphasis on internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals,

Welcoming the criteria established for the country-level activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and deployment of Habitat programme managers and the progress made in the elaboration of United Nations Human Settlements Programme country programmes,

1. *Requests* the United Nations Human Settlements Programme to strengthen the integration of South-South cooperation in its activities, consistent with the provisions of the work programme, budget and the medium-term strategic and institutional plan and, to that end, to strengthen cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme and other relevant organizations within and outside the United Nations system;

2. *Also requests* the United Nations Human Settlements Programme to use the benefits of experience, expertise, technologies, human resources and centres of excellence already existing in several countries of the South, such as the Non-Aligned Movement Centre for South-South Technical Cooperation and the emerging work of regional ministerial bodies, namely the Meeting of Ministers and High-level Authorities of the Housing and Urban Development Sector in Latin America and the Caribbean, the African Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development and the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development, to achieve the implementation of its programme of work;
 3. *Further requests* the United Nations Human Settlements Programme to strengthen its regional presence within existing resources with a view to enhancing South-South cooperation in the implementation of its work programme and to provide and continue its support for efforts in subregional and regional cooperation in human settlements and urban development;
 4. *Invites* Governments and relevant organizations to provide financial resources to the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for the purpose of further facilitating South-South cooperation in achieving sustainable urban development through capacity-building, policy advice and promoting horizontal learning among developing countries in line with the focus areas of the medium-term strategic and institutional plan, including through the best practices database;
 5. *Also invites* Governments to strengthen their support for South-South cooperation, including triangular cooperation, especially by mobilizing financial resources on a sustainable basis, by providing technical assistance and encouraging city-to-city cooperation;
 6. *Welcomes* the cooperation of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme with the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation within the United Nations Development Programme and calls upon the United Nations Human Settlements Programme to expand its collaboration with that unit;
 7. *Requests* the United Nations Human Settlements Programme to contribute to the Secretary-General's report to the forthcoming high-level United Nations conference on South-South cooperation and to participate in that conference;
 8. *Calls upon* the United Nations Human Settlements Programme to facilitate the organization of a dialogue on South-South cooperation at the next session of the World Urban Forum with a view to building a knowledge base, among other outcomes;
 9. *Requests* the Executive Director to report on the progress made in promoting South-South cooperation in human settlements to the Governing Council at its twenty-third session.
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