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**Draft resolution on human settlements development in the occupied  
Palestinian territory**

**Submission by the President of the Governing Council\***

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\* The attached draft decision is being circulated as submitted, without formal editing.

## **DRAFT RESOLUTION OF THE CHAIR OF UN-HABITAT GOVERNING COUNCIL**

**22<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Governing Council, 30 March - 3 April 2009, Nairobi, Kenya**

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**Human settlements development in the occupied Palestinian territory:**

### **Draft Resolution**

The Governing Council,

Recalling its several resolutions regarding the global development of human settlements, particularly the consolidation of the efforts of the international community and its organizations to provide adequate shelter for all and sustainable human settlements development in an urbanizing world as elaborated in the Habitat Agenda, and recalling relevant resolutions of the United Nations Commission on Human Settlements,

Recognizing the need for continued cooperation among member states within the spirit of the Declaration on Cities and other Human Settlements in the New Millennium to achieve practical programmes that enhance sustainable shelter development goals,

Expressing concern about the significant humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip that poses extraordinary challenges associated with rehabilitation of destroyed houses, property and infrastructure, in addition to the continued deterioration in the human settlements and the housing conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, and the need to enable rapid recovery and reconstruction along side humanitarian interventions including concerted efforts for the smooth flow of building materials in accordance with guidelines agreed by all parties;

Recalling that Governments at the 19th Session of the UN-HABITAT Governing Council, taking note of the report of the Executive Director, entitled “Implementation of resolution 18/12: Housing situation ... and establishment of a human settlements fund for the Palestinian people in the oPt” adopted by consensus, on 9 May 2003, resolution 19/18 calling on UN-HABITAT to establish a Special Human Settlements Programme (SHSPPP) in the oPt and a Technical Cooperation Trust Fund (TCTF).

Conscious of the Palestinian human settlements and special housing needs of the Palestinian people and recognizing that they fall within the technical mandate of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT),

Recognizing that shelter and human settlements are key elements in reaching a peaceful and sustainable peace in the Middle East,

Expressing the hope that the Israelis and the Palestinians will renew their efforts for peace and to jointly support the SHSPPP,

Recognizing by all parties of the urgent need to resolve the long-term deterioration in Palestinian human settlements conditions and housing problems in the oPt, which marks an important precedent for UN-HABITAT,

1. Notes with appreciation the progress made by UN-HABITAT in the implementation of the SHSPPP;

2. Expresses appreciation to governments and others that have contributed financial support to the Special Human Settlements Programme for the Palestinian People;

3. Calls upon Member states and others in a position to do so to support UN-HABITAT in the immediate mobilization of financial resources towards supporting the operation of the SHSPPP and its Trust Fund;

4. Requests the Executive Director to report to the Governing Council at its twenty third session on progress in the operations of the Special Human Settlements Programme for the Palestinian People, including progress in the mobilization of financial resources for the Technical Cooperation Trust Fund.

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