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Resolution No 19/2: Work programme and budget of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for the biennium

The Governing Council,

Recalling the [Istanbul Declaration on Human Settlements](#), the [Habitat Agenda](#) and [General Assembly resolution 51/177 of 16 December 1996](#), whereby the United Nations Human Settlement Programme (UN-HABITAT) was designated as a focal point, within the United Nations system, for the implementation of the Habitat Agenda, and also the [Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium](#),⁶ which identified gaps in and obstacles to the implementation of the Habitat Agenda and proposed actions for overcoming them,

Recalling also the commitments made by Governments in the United Nations Millennium Declaration and at the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August-4 September 2002, to reduce by half the proportion of people without sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation by the year 2015 and to achieve significant improvement in the lives of at least 100 million slum dwellers by the year 2020,

Taking into account the emphasis placed in the Declaration on Cities and other Human Settlements in the New Millennium and also in resolution 18/6 of 16 February 2001 of the Commission on Human Settlements on monitoring, evaluation and dissemination of information on best practices in the implementation of the Habitat Agenda,

Bearing in mind [General Assembly resolution 56/205 of 21 December 2001](#), in which the General Assembly urged the Executive Director of UN-HABITAT to provide advisory services and improved technical cooperation activities in the area of human settlement development to Governments,

Bearing in mind also [General Assembly resolution 56/206 of 21 December 2001](#), in which the

General Assembly called for the strengthening of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation, with the active participation and collaboration of organizations within and outside the United Nations system, Welcoming the significant progress made in implementing the new strategic vision for a revitalized UN-HABITAT, in accordance with [resolution 17/7 of 14 May 1999](#) of the Commission on Human Settlements, and in the revitalization of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation, including the improvement of the administrative and financial management of UNHABITAT and the regularization of staff positions,

Noting with satisfaction the reorganization of the work programme of UN-HABITAT into four subprogrammes, including the integration of work on the twin goals of adequate shelter for all and sustainable human settlements development into a single subprogramme and the establishment of separate subprogrammes on monitoring the Habitat Agenda, regional and technical cooperation and human settlements financing, in the revised medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, and the related realignment of the programme structure and the organizational structure in line with Office of Internal Oversight Services recommendations,⁷

Expressing concern about the relatively low level of non-earmarked contributions, leading to the continuing and growing imbalance between earmarked and non-earmarked contributions, and about the fact that the donor base for non-earmarked contributions to the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation remains very small, with only seven main donors providing 85 per cent of the contributions in 2002,

Recalling [General Assembly resolution 57/275 of 20 December 2002](#), which invites Governments that are in a position to do so, and their Habitat Agenda partners, to increase their financial contributions to the Foundation in a predictable manner,

Welcoming the interaction between the secretariat and member Governments, through the Committee of Permanent Representatives, during the implementation of the work programme for the biennium 2002-2003 and the preparation of the work programme and budget for the biennium 2004- 2005,

Noting the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the proposed budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for the biennium 2004-2005,

1. Approves the draft work programme for the 2004-2005 biennium as contained in the draft work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for the biennium 2004-2005 ([HSP/GC/19/8](#)) as amended by document [HSP/19/8 Add. 1](#) and subsequent amendments approved by the Governing Council;⁸
2. Approves a budget of \$44, 412, 900 for the biennium 2004-2005 as contained in document [HSP/GC/19/9/Add.3](#);
3. Endorses the budget targets detailed by the Executive Director in document [HSP/GC/19/9](#) and

authorizes her, subject to availability of resources and in consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives, to make commitments above the level of \$44, 412,900 and up to \$50,520,500;

4. Requests the Executive Director to submit to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions the revised work programme and budget documents as approved by the Governing Council and keep the Committee of Permanent Representatives informed of the response of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

5. Approves an increase in the general purpose statutory reserve from \$1,002,663 to \$2,419,100 for the 2004-2005 biennium;

6. Urges Governments that are in a position to do so, and their Habitat Agenda² partners, to increase their financial contributions to the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation and invites all Governments and other donors to pledge and make their contributions to the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation at the earliest possible date in order to enable UNHABITAT to plan its activities more effectively, with contributions preferably being made on the basis of multi-year non-earmarked pledges and/or multi-year partnership programmes;

7. Requests the Executive Director, while preparing the chapter on Human Settlements of the Medium-Term Plan of the United Nations, for the period 2006-2009, to consult the Committee of Permanent Representatives as early as possible and to take full account of their views during the Intercessional period;

8. Requests the Executive Director to develop innovative approaches and to mobilize adequate financial resources, including for innovative activities;

9. Requests the Executive Director to submit to the Governing Council at its twentieth session the budget and work programme for the biennium 2006-2007 in a prioritized and integrated document, taking into account the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its report dated 13 March 2003;

10. Also requests the Executive Director to present progress reports on a regular basis, to the Committee of Permanent Representatives, on the implementation of the 2004-2005 work programme.

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