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**Resolution No. 18/9: Revitalization of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)**

The Commission on Human Settlements,

Recalling [General Assembly resolution 51/177 of 16 December 1996](#), which gave the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) considerable responsibilities for monitoring and promoting the implementation of the Habitat Agenda,<sup>3</sup> as specified in the [Habitat Agenda](#),

Also recalling decision 1999/281 of 30 July 1999 and the agreed conclusions 2000/1 of the Economic and Social Council on the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), which requested the Secretary-General to consider adopting a Habitat Agenda task manager system to facilitate coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda by the United Nations system,

Also recalling its [resolution 17/7](#) on revitalization of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), which mandated the Executive Director to implement the new strategic vision comprehensively to advance the Habitat Agenda as embodied in the work programme and budget for the Centre for the biennium 2000-2001 and requested the Bureau of the Commission, with the support of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, to monitor the progress of the revitalization process and its results in the implementation of the prioritized work programme of the Centre and to report thereon to the Commission at its nineteenth session,

Welcoming [General Assembly resolution 55/195 of 20 December 2000](#), which requested the Secretary-General to consider further strengthening the Centre through the provision of requisite support and stable, adequate and predictable financial resources, including additional regular budget resources and human resources as envisaged by [the General Assembly in its resolutions 52/220 of 22 December 1997 and 53/242 of 28 July 1999](#),

Recalling [General Assembly resolution 55/194 of 20 December 2000](#), which encourages member States and Habitat Agenda partners to provide support to the Centre for the preparation of the Global Report on Human Settlements and the State of the World's Cities report on a biennial basis so as to raise awareness of human settlements issues and to provide information on urban conditions and trends around the world, Commending the steps taken by the former acting Executive Director to revitalize the Centre and improve its administrative and financial

management, and encouraged by the continuation of these efforts and their further strengthening by the new Executive Director, Encouraged further by the reported increase in the level of voluntary contributions to the Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation by some member States in support of the revitalization of the Centre, a trend that demonstrates a growing commitment to support the strengthening of the Centre to better fulfil its mandate as specified in the Habitat Agenda, Bearing in mind the significant increase in the activities of the Centre and the new organizational structure and functions of the Centre in the post-Habitat II period,

Recalling the reviews by the Office of Internal Oversight Services of programme and administrative practices and organizational and staffing issues carried out in 1996<sup>16</sup> and 1999,<sup>17</sup> which observed that there was unprocedural assignment of duties and responsibilities to staff at the Centre,

1. Welcomes the appointment by the Secretary-General of the new Executive Director to the Centre;
2. Also welcomes the progress report of the Bureau of the Commission on Human Settlements on revitalization of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) (HS/C/18/2/Add.4, annex I) and the appended progress report of the Executive Director,<sup>18</sup> which addresses the concerns raised above;
3. Endorses the measures taken by the Executive Director to rectify the identified weaknesses of the Centre;
4. Calls upon Governments to continue their support for the revitalization of the Centre, a process which is contingent upon provision of requisite stable, adequate and predictable financial and human resources, as highlighted in previous Commission meetings and recently underlined in [General Assembly resolution 55/195](#);
5. Decides to review progress in the revitalization of the Centre at its nineteenth session, under a separate item of the provisional agenda;
6. Requests the Executive Director to report to it at its nineteenth session on progress in further revitalization of the Centre, based on the outline in the above-mentioned Executive Director's report, including progress in the mobilization of requisite financial and human resources to strengthen the Centre's capacity to fulfill its mandate.

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