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**Activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme,  
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## **Draft resolution on the implementation of the Bamako Declaration and action plan and the strengthening of the secretariat of the African Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development**

### **Submission by the drafting group**

*The Governing Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 20/2 of April 2005 on the establishment of the African Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development,

*Recalling also* the Abuja Plan of Action, in which African ministers pledged their commitment to Governing Council resolution 21/8 of 20 April 2007 on the establishment of an African fund for slum upgrading and the eradication of poverty,

*Noting* the importance of regional forums such as the African Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development in promoting the Habitat Agenda and issues such as access to land, adequate housing, a safe and healthy environment, basic services and employment and implementing Goal 7 of the Millennium Development Goals on water, sanitation and slums,

*Noting also* that the African Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development fulfils the requirements of the medium-term strategic and institutional plan at the country and regional levels,

1. *Welcomes* the Bamako Declaration and Action Plan adopted by the African Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development in November 2010, which spell out the commitment of African Governments to improving land governance by stimulating land policy, administration and management to tackle housing and sustainable urban development challenges;

2. *Takes note* of the commitment by the member States of the African Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development to make an annual contribution of 10,000 United States dollars to support the programmes of the Conference in line with the Bamako Declaration;

3. *Welcomes* the decision of the African Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development at its special session to establish a permanent secretariat and to accept the offer of the Government of Kenya to host the secretariat;
  4. *Invites* member States and development partners to consider providing financial contributions to support the implementation of the programmes of the African Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development;
  5. *Invites* the United Nations Human Settlements Programme to continue to provide support to the African Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development for the implementation of its resolutions and action plans and to provide financial and capacity support to the work programme of the Conference for effective delivery, subject to availability of funds, in line with the work programme and budget of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme;
  6. *Requests* the United Nations Human Settlements Programme within its available financial resources and the Government of South Africa to continue supporting the preparations for the establishment in Kenya of the permanent secretariat of the African Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development;
  7. *Invites* the members of the African Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development to continue their endeavours and their commitment to strengthening the Conference as an institution and to implement its decisions on land, housing, finance and basic services for sustainable urban development in Africa.
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