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## **Draft resolution on global and national strategies and frameworks for improving the lives of slum dwellers beyond the Millennium Development Goals target**

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

*The Governing Council,*

*Recalling* the targets set out in the United Nations Millennium Declaration<sup>1</sup> of achieving a significant improvement in the lives of at least 100 million slum-dwellers by 2020 and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (“Johannesburg Plan of Implementation”)<sup>2</sup> to halve, by 2015, the proportion of people who lack access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation,

*Recalling also* the Habitat Agenda,<sup>3</sup> the Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium<sup>4</sup> and the Monterrey Consensus of the International Conference on Financing for Development,<sup>5</sup>

*Expressing concern* at the continued increase in the number of the world’s slum-dwellers, the attainment of the target set forth in the Millennium Development Goals of achieving a significant improvement in the lives of at least 100 million slum-dwellers notwithstanding,

*Welcoming* the commitment by Heads of State and Government at the High-level Plenary Meeting of the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals<sup>6</sup> to continue working towards cities without slums, beyond current targets, by reducing slum populations and improving the lives of slum-dwellers, including by accelerating access to safe drinking water and sanitation with adequate support of the international community, by prioritizing national urban planning strategies with the participation of all stakeholders, by promoting equal access for people

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1 General Assembly resolution 55/2 of 8 September 2000.

2 *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August–4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 2, annex.

3 *Report of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), Istanbul, 3–14 June 1996* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.97.IV.6), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

4 Resolution S-25/2, annex.

5 *Report of the International Conference on Financing for Development, Monterrey, Mexico, 18–22 March 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.02.II.A.7), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

6 A/RES/65/1.

living in slums to public services, including health, education, energy, water and sanitation and adequate shelter, and by promoting sustainable urban and rural development; and the General Assembly's encouragement, in resolution 65/165 of 20 December 2010, to the United Nations Human Settlements Programme to continue providing the necessary technical assistance,

*Recognizing* the significant role of improved access to land and security of tenure in both improving the lives of slum-dwellers and in preventing slums,

*Mindful of* General Assembly resolution 65/165 of 20 December 2010, in particular its paragraph 4, in which the General Assembly invited the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme to consider, at its earliest convenience, appropriate global and national strategies and frameworks for future work, in order to achieve a significant improvement in the lives of slum-dwellers beyond the current slum-related targets, in the light of the continued increase in the number of slum-dwellers in the world,

1. *Invites* Governments and regional and local authorities to enumerate the slum populations in their countries, regions and urban areas and, on that basis, to set voluntary and realistic national, regional and local targets, to be attained by 2020, with regard to improving significantly the lives of slum-dwellers through the formulation and implementation of national urban development strategies that prioritize improved access to adequate housing and basic services and infrastructure for slum-dwellers, including improved water and sanitation, transport, energy, health and education, and by promoting access to affordable land with secure tenure and creating the conditions, when appropriate, necessary for sustainable urban livelihoods, sustainable urban development and the participation of all stakeholders, in particular slum-dwellers;

2. *Requests* the United Nations Human Settlements Programme to provide, within its current budget and in line with the medium-term strategic and institutional plan or its subsequent strategic plan, technical and advisory assistance to Governments and regional and local authorities wishing to assess their slum population levels and trends, set voluntary, national, regional and local 2020 targets, prepare national, regional and local slum prevention and upgrading strategies and plans, formulate and implement slum upgrading and housing programmes and monitor implementation progress and report periodically to the Governing Council and the General Assembly in order to assist the international community in the global monitoring of progress and of the scale of work that needs to be done;

3. *Invites* Governments and regional and local authorities to prioritize slum prevention and upgrading and, with the assistance of the international community and financial institutions, to provide adequate financial resources for implementing programmes designed to achieve their 2020 targets on significantly improving the lives of slum-dwellers;

4. *Invites* the international community and financial institutions to contribute generously to the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation to enable the United Nations Human Settlements Programme to assist developing countries in mobilizing public investment and private capital, through, among others, public-private partnerships for slum upgrading, shelter and basic services;

5. *Requests* the Executive Director to report on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution to the Governing Council at its twenty-fourth session.