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Draft resolution on the work programme and budget of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for the biennium 2012–2013

Submission by the drafting group

The Governing Council,

Recalling the commitments made by Governments in the United Nations Millennium Declaration¹ to achieving a significant improvement in the lives of at least 100 million slum-dwellers by 2020 and in the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development² to reducing by half the proportion of people without access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation by 2015,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 60/203 of 13 March 2006, by which the General Assembly called for increased voluntary contributions to the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation, and recognizing the continued urgent need for increased and predictable financial contributions to the Foundation,

Taking note of the progress made to date in the implementation of the medium-term strategic and institutional plan, as reported in the six-monthly progress reports and the medium-term strategic and institutional plan peer review report,

Taking note also of the efforts by the Executive Director to prioritize strategic programme areas, within the framework of the medium-term strategic and institutional plan, and of the continuing institutional review,

Taking note further of the challenges and progress made in the implementation of the gender equality action plan set out in the report of the Executive Director,³

Having considered the proposed work programme and budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for the biennium 2012–2013⁴ and the recommendations set forth in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁵

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 HSP/GC/23/5/Add.6.

4 HSP/GC/23/5.

5 HSP/GC/23/5/Add.1.

1. *Approves* the proposed work programme and budget for 2012–2013;
2. *Also approves* the general-purpose budget of 70,221,500 United States dollars and endorses the special-purpose budget of 110,524,800 dollars for the biennium 2012–2013 detailed in the proposed work programme and budget for 2012–2013;
3. *Further approves* an increase in the general-purpose statutory reserve from 6,619,500 dollars to 7,022,150 dollars;
4. *Requests* the Executive Director, in consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives, to develop a strategic plan for 2014–2019, including a road map for preparatory work, taking into account the recommendations of the peer review and other reviews of the medium-term strategic and institutional plan for 2008–2013, for presentation to and approval by the Governing Council at its twenty-fourth session;
5. *Also requests* the Executive Director to consult the Committee of Permanent Representatives during the preparation of prioritized, results-based strategic framework and work programme and budget documents for the biennium 2014–2015, and to ensure that the strategic framework and work programme and budget are aligned with the strategic plan for 2014–2019;
6. *Calls upon* the Executive Director to ensure that the strategic plan for 2014–2019 should have the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of women as one of its objectives with gender results defined at the higher and lower levels of expected accomplishments and gender outputs per focus area clearly integrated into the work programme;
7. *Also calls upon* the Executive Director to report on a half-yearly basis to Governments through the Committee of Permanent Representatives and to the Governing Council at its twenty-fourth session on progress made in the implementation of the work programme activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme;
8. *Further calls upon* the Executive Director to reprioritize systematically, whenever necessary, the activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for 2012–2013 in a realistic and pragmatic manner in the face of possible substantial changes in funding scenarios and to adjust the level of allocations for programme activities to bring them into line with the actual level of income;
9. *Invites* the Executive Director to inform Governments through the Committee of the Permanent Representatives of any organizational changes that can be considered necessary for the effective implementation of the work programme activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme;
10. *Strongly encourages* the Executive Director to continue the full implementation of the results-based management system set out in the medium-term strategic and institutional plan;
11. *Authorizes* the Executive Director to reallocate general-purpose resources between subprogrammes in an amount of up to 10 per cent of the total general-purpose budget;
12. *Also authorizes* the Executive Director to reallocate, in consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives, in excess of 10 per cent and up to 25 per cent of the total general-purpose budget;
13. *Reiterates* its call for continued financial support to the United Nations Human Settlements Programme through increased voluntary contributions and invites Governments in a position to do so, and other stakeholders where appropriate, to provide predictable multi-year funding and increased non-earmarked contributions to support the implementation of the medium-term strategic and institutional plan;
14. *Requests* the Executive Director to report all reallocations and adjustments to the Committee of Permanent Representatives in the quarterly financial reports.