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Draft resolution on the coordinated implementation of the guidelines on access to basic services for all and the guidelines on decentralization and strengthening of local authorities

Submission by the drafting group

The Governing Council,

Recalling its resolution 22/8 of 3 April 2009 on the guidelines on access to basic services for all and cognizant of the report of the Executive Director on the coordinated implementation of the guidelines on access to basic services for all and the guidelines on decentralization and strengthening of local authorities,¹

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 65/165 of 2 December 2010, by which the General Assembly supported the dissemination and implementation of the two sets of guidelines,

Considering that all basic services listed in paragraph 84 of the Habitat Agenda² are strongly interrelated both sectorally, as the availability of one is necessary for the production or the delivery of another, and geographically, as they require coordination of policies at various territorial levels,

1. *Expresses appreciation* for the leading role of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and for the contribution of other agencies, member States and partners to developing tools for supporting the efforts of interested countries to undertake the coordinated adaptation to national circumstances and implementation of the two sets of guidelines;

2. *Invites* Governments to step up efforts to adapt and implement the two sets of guidelines in a coordinated manner and according to national circumstances by reviewing and improving their legislation, including on the application of multisectoral and multi-stakeholder strategic planning instruments at various territorial levels with emphasis on poor and marginalized settlements, and by reviewing administrative frameworks to avoid overlapping mandates and improve financial mechanisms for ensuring access to basic services for all;

3. *Invites* all relevant United Nations entities to engage systematically in a dialogue with the United Nations Human Settlements Programme to ensure that their initiatives related to shelter and basic services benefit from the two sets of guidelines;

1 HSP/GC/23/2/Add.5.

2 *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. *Urges* the United Nations Human Settlements Programme to lay special emphasis in all its programmes related to decentralization and access to basic services on enhancing national-level and regional-level exchanges on the implementation of the two sets of guidelines;

5. *Encourages* coordination between development stakeholders (such as United Nations entities, international financial institutions, development agencies and banks and international associations of local authorities) and invites them to use the two sets of guidelines to promote integrated development approaches for all basic services and support coordinated activities at the national and local levels;

6. *Calls upon* the United Nations Human Settlements Programme to develop enhanced partnerships with local authorities and their international associations for the implementation and exchange of best practices of the guidelines on decentralization at the national and local levels;

7. *Also calls upon* the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, within the context of the enhanced normative and operational framework of its medium-term strategic and institutional plan, to strengthen the human and financial capacities dedicated to facilitating the development and testing of multisectoral and multi-stakeholder instruments for operationalizing the two sets of guidelines and to assist interested countries, in particular developing countries, to undertake the coordinated adaptation and implementation of the two sets of guidelines;

8. *Requests* the Executive Director to report on the progress made in the coordinated implementation of the two sets of guidelines and of the present resolution to the Governing Council at its twenty-fourth session.
