

Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme

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Other matters

Draft resolution on the formulation of a global housing strategy

Submission by the drafting group

The Governing Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 43/181 of 20 December 1988, by which the General Assembly adopted the Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000,

Recalling also resolution 17/13 of 14 May 1999 of the United Nations Commission on Human Settlements, by which the Executive Director was requested to conduct a review of the Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000 within the framework of the Habitat Agenda,¹

Considering paragraph 65 of the Habitat Agenda, which encourages the periodic evaluation and revision, as necessary, of enabling housing policies with a view to creating a framework for efficient and effective housing delivery systems,

Taking note of the report of the fifth session of the World Urban Forum,² in which participants underscored that equitable access to housing and basic urban services required fundamental shifts in current land and housing policies and that new approaches to planning and new paradigms for service delivery were needed,

Welcoming initiatives at the regional level, such as the African Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development, the Asian-Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development and the regional meeting of ministers and high-level authorities of housing and urbanization of Latin American and Caribbean, and acknowledging the work carried out by those forums as valuable contributions to further promoting equitable access to housing,

Acknowledging that a well-functioning housing sector is key to attaining sustainable urban development,

Emphasizing that a global housing strategy promoted by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme will provide general guidance in terms of housing policies to be implemented in accordance with regional and local circumstance within the context of sustainable urban development,

¹ *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.

² HSP/WUF/5/3.

1. *Requests* the Executive Director, in consultation with Governments, including through the Committee of Permanent Representatives, and with relevant local government executing agencies of housing projects funded by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, to review the implementation of the Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000 and to formulate a new global housing strategy;
 2. *Invites* Governments to support the United Nations Human Settlements Programme in undertaking the above-mentioned tasks;
 3. *Calls upon* the Executive Director to take into account, in the development of a new global housing strategy, the challenges of providing adequate and sustainable housing and basic infrastructure and the need to integrate housing policies into broader urban planning strategies and governmental actions, aligning them with other social, economic and environmental policies;
 4. *Requests* the Executive Director to report on the implementation of the present resolution to the Governing Council at its twenty-fourth session.
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