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Draft resolution on inclusive and sustainable urban planning and elaboration of international guidelines on urban and territorial planning

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The Governing Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 67/438 of 17 December 2012 which underlines that “in view of the current rapid urbanization process, the development and promotion of adequate infrastructure and basic services, as well as effective urban planning and design, are of utmost importance for the creation of socially inclusive, economically prosperous and energy-efficient cities that maximise the benefits of agglomeration economies, minimize the demand for urban mobility and transport and provide conditions necessary for job creation and urban economic growth”,

Recalling the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), “The Future We Want”, and reaffirming its commitment to “promote an integrated approach to planning and building sustainable cities and urban settlements, including through supporting local authorities, increasing public awareness and enhancing participation of urban residents, including the poor, in decision-making”,

Considering the Executive Director’s report to the 24th session of the Governing Council, HSP/GC/24 on the coordinated implementation of Guidelines on access to basic services for all and guidelines on decentralization and its recommendation to develop complementary guidelines on urban and territorial planning so as to facilitate the implementation of existing guidelines by providing a reference document for inter-sectoral and multi-level planning,

Recalling the Vancouver World planners congress Declaration of 2006 and the related charter for urban planning, based on the following principles : promote sustainable development, achieve integrated planning, integrate plans with budgets, plan with partners and stakeholders, meet the subsidiarity principle, promote market responsiveness, ensure access to land, develop appropriate planning tools, be pro-poor and inclusive, recognize cultural diversity

Also recalling the International Conference on Inclusive Urban Planning held on 18-19 February, 2013, in New Delhi where it was noted that cities in the developing countries have developed largely in an unplanned manner where market-driven responses in respect of urban lands do not automatically “self-regulate”,

Recognizing the challenges arising from poorly planned and managed urbanization in terms of urban poverty and deprivation alongside the fact that urban planning needs to respond dynamically to the changing realities of urbanization, economic processes and demand-driven development challenges,

Recognizing that there is a substantial proportion of the urban population whose livelihood spaces and activities, as well as spaces for living and working lies outside the current systems of formal planning and sustainable urban growth, and that in that context, the inclusion of the poor in the formal planning process is crucial,

Also recognizing the need to coordinate planning policies at various levels of territories to support systems of cities,

Recalling the priority given by UN-Habitat to urban planning as one of the main objectives of its strategic framework and work plan,

1. *Urges* UN-Habitat to promote responsible planning in Member States through capacity building and awareness raising with local governments and people involvement focusing on the urban poor for creating healthier and sustainable cities;

2. *Encourages* Member States to promote people-oriented participatory and inclusive approaches, by involving local governments and people especially the urban poor, in the preparation and implementation of city plans, to promote equal access to opportunities, infrastructure and services that urban and local areas offer;

3. *Invites* Member States and Habitat Agenda Partners to progressively reform the regulatory and institutional frameworks for urban planning and to recognize the urban poor as stakeholders, and the strategic partnership with local governments in urban planning processes;

4. *Requests* the Executive Director of UN-Habitat in consultation with Committee of Permanent Representatives to initiate the elaboration of International Guidelines on urban and territorial planning that will provide a global framework to improving policies, plans and design for more compact, socially inclusive, sustainable, better integrated and connected cities and territories and to present the Draft Guidelines to the Governing Council during its 25th session for approval;

5. *Encourages* UN-Habitat in collaboration with Member States and Habitat Agenda Partners to elaborate a set of agreed universal principles for urban and territorial planning at the city level- especially regarding the city planned extensions-, at the regional and the national level - especially regarding national urban policies;

6. *Also encourages* UN-Habitat in collaboration with Member States and Habitat Agenda Partners to elaborate these principles in the framework of decentralization provided by the International Guidelines on decentralization and access to basic services for all;

7. *Encourages* UN-Habitat in collaboration with Member States and Habitat Agenda Partners to elaborate a set of recommendations for central governments, local authorities civil society and experts as well as other relevant stakeholders to improve urban and territorial planning;

8. *Requests* the Executive Director of UN-Habitat in consultation with Committee of Permanent Representatives in the drafting of International Guidelines on urban and territorial planning to engage in an inclusive consultative process with regional offices of UN-Habitat, national governments, international associations of local authorities, including United Cities and Local Governments, all relevant United Nations organizations, international finance institutions, development agencies, relevant international professional associations and members of the Habitat Professional Forum including International Society of Cities and Regional Planners and non-governmental organizations, and other national and international stakeholders, in order to inform the drafting process with best practices and lessons learned from different contexts and scales;

9. *Invites* Governments and other Habitat Agenda Partners, to technically and financially support the Guidelines elaborating process and to host related field projects;

10. *Encourages* UN-Habitat to use already-planned regional and international meetings on urban development in its setting of the road map toward the Guidelines;

11. *Requests* the Executive Director to report to the twenty-fifth Governing Council on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.