

**Draft Resolution GC24/10: Supporting Action for the Creation of Safer Cities**

*Recalling* GC resolution 23/14 on Sustainable Urban Development through Safer Cities and the Prevention of Urban Crime, and recognizing its implementation and the growing involvement of local authorities through the Global Network on Safer Cities (GNSC);

*Further guided* by principles of the United Nations Guidelines for cooperation and technical assistance in the field of urban crime prevention on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice as expressed in the Economic and Social Council resolution 1995/9, annex;

*Convinced* that the prevention of urban crime is one of the essential elements of sustainable urban developmental efforts and recognising the direct relevance of urban safety for internationally agreed development goals.

*Welcoming* the General Assembly thematic debate on crime, violence and insecurity as a threat to development at its 66th session held in New York on 26 June 2012;

*Underlining* the fact that one of the most effective ways to meet the needs of member states in this area consists of both normative and operational activities, such as development and dissemination of standards and tools, advisory services, training programmes and the dissemination and exchange of information, best practices and lessons learned at the regional, national and local levels;

*Appreciating* the partnerships the UN-Habitat Safer Cities Programme has fostered within the UN system with agencies such as United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime, United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Children's Fund and United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and Women Empowerment, United Nations Office of Disarmament Affairs integrating the safer cities approach into their programming, pursuant to their mandates, and welcoming the positive outcomes of these partnerships in leveraging knowledge and resources for greater on the ground implementation of the Safer Cities Programme;

*Recognizing*, however, the continued challenges associated with generating adequate financial resources for urban safety implementation of multi-sector and preventive approaches at the city level;

*Acknowledging* the call of mayors and other stakeholders at the Sixth Session of the World Urban Forum in Naples, as part of the Global Network on Safer Cities, for intensified efforts to strengthen the integrity of the safer cities approach by means of international cooperation and UN system-wide guidelines on safer cities and financing mechanisms on safer cities;

*Takes note* of the outcome statement of the first steering committee meeting of the Global Network on Safer Cities on actions towards enhancing the roles of local authorities on safer cities;

1. *Reaffirms* the importance attached to capacity building, technical cooperation and advisory services as a means for UN-Habitat Safer Cities Programme to respond to the needs of countries and contributing to the international community efforts in the face of increasing crime and violence in many cities and to assist Member States in achieving the goals of preventing urban crime, reducing urban vulnerabilities to crime and improving the response to urban crime, in accordance with ECOSOC 1995/9 resolution, and in line with the Governing Council resolution 23/14

2. *Stresses* the importance of continuing to strengthen the normative and operational activities of the UN-Habitat Safer Cities Programme, particularly in low and middle income countries, so as to meet the needs of Member States, at their request, for support in prevention of urban crime and enhancement of urban safety by developing standards and tools, by undertaking advisory services and training programmes, by disseminating and exchanging information through, *inter alia*, the promotion of field studies and research at the national and local levels,
3. *Calls upon* the United Nations Human Settlements Programme to accelerate effective implementation of the Safer Cities Programme, taking into account the provisions of the present resolution;
4. *Welcomes* the creation of the Global Network on Safer Cities and its support through the UN-Habitat Safer Cities Programme;
5. *Encourages* governments, national and international stakeholders to consider the formulation of goals and targets that strengthen the role of cities and urban development in the prevention of violence and crime, including violence against women and girls;
6. *Calls upon* UN-Habitat to continue its work for the prevention of urban violence and crime and enhancement of urban safety, through implementing the GC Resolution 23/14, and particularly its call for UN system-wide guidelines on safer cities and an inter-agency collaborative framework on safer cities, without prejudice to the distinctive mandates of each entity and in full compliance with the financial rules and regulations;
7. *Calls upon* all relevant international, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to continue cooperating with UN-Habitat Safer Cities Programme in support of its normative and operational activities, as part of the Global Network on Safer Cities (GNSC);
8. *Stresses* the importance of sharing best practices between cities and local authorities and, in this regard, calls for the development of an urban safety monitor to measure results of prevention efforts at the local level in order to facilitate peer review of cities' and local authorities' efforts at promoting crime prevention and urban safety strategies;
9. *Calls* for the monitoring and measurement of UN-Habitat programmes contributing to crime and violence prevention efforts at the city and local authority level;
10. *Invites* the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ) to set an interagency task team to review and present proposals for complementing the 1995 "Guidelines for cooperation and technical assistance in the field of crime prevention" and the 2002 "Guidelines for the Prevention of Crime". The task team should consider the recommendations presented in this regard by local authorities and in particular by the Global Network on Safer Cities (GNSC), and other stakeholders;
11. *Calls upon* UN-Habitat to begin a process of consultations for a UN system-wide financing mechanism that includes all relevant stakeholders, in response to the call of cities and local governments to stimulate urban safety initiatives, bearing in mind GA resolution 67/226 and requests the Executive Director of UN-Habitat to report on the results of the consultation process to the CPR every six months;

12. *Invites* Member States, development partners and other relevant stakeholders and other donors, to the extent possible, to provide technical, human and financial resources to the United Nations Human Settlements Programme to support the implementation of the present resolution;

13. *Requests* the Executive Director to present this resolution to the Secretary General's Policy Committee and to report to the Governing Council at its twenty-fifth session on progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.