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Draft resolution on urbanization and sustainable urban development in the post-2015 agenda

The Governing Council,

Recalling the goals contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration and the World Summit Outcome of achieving a significant improvement in the lives of at least 100 million slum-dwellers by 2020 and the goal contained in the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development to halve, by 2015, the proportion of people without access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation,

Recognizing paragraph 135 of the Rio+20 outcome document entitled “The Future We Want”,

Taking note of the Rabat Declaration titled Making Slums History: A Worldwide Challenge for 2020, adopted on 28 November 2012, through which participants committed themselves to supporting, through the inter-governmental bodies of the United Nations, the adoption of a global goal of halving the proportion of people living in slums between 2015 and 2030, as part of the overall formulation of the post 2015 agenda,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 66/207 which has decided to convene in 2016 a third United Nations conference on housing and sustainable development (Habitat III) so as to adopt a “New Urban Agenda”,

Recalling also General Assembly Resolution 67/216 which, in paragraph 2, encourages giving appropriate consideration to sustainable urbanization in the elaboration of the post 2015 United Nations development agenda, in paragraph 4 recognizes the progress made in meeting and even surpassing Millennium Development Goal 7, target 11, while noting that slums continue to be a global challenge, and which, in preambular paragraph 5, acknowledges that, while significant progress has been made in implementing the Istanbul Declaration on Human Settlements and the twin goals of the Habitat Agenda, challenges remain, such as the continuing increase of slum dwellers in the world, the negative impact of environmental degradation, including climate change, desertification and loss of biodiversity, on human settlements and the need to reduce disaster risks and build resilience to disasters in urban settlements,

Recognizing the work of the United Nations System Task Team on the Post-2015 United Nations Development Agenda and its support to the multi-stakeholder consultations being led by Member States on a post-2015 global development agenda,

1. *Requests* the Executive Director, in consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives, to ensure that the United Nations Human Settlements Programme contributes to the development and implementation of the Post-2015 Agenda in order to promote sustainable urbanization;

2. *Encourages* Governments and Habitat Agenda partners to give appropriate consideration in their contributions to the Post-2015 Agenda to sustainable urbanization, to sustainable urban development and to the role of cities and local governments in this regard;
 3. *Requests* the Executive Director to report to the Governing Council at its twenty-fifth session on progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.
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