
The Governing Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 69/226 of 19 December 2014, in which the Assembly reaffirmed the outcome document, entitled “The future we want”, of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012, in particular paragraphs 134 to 137 on sustainable cities and human settlements, in which, inter alia, it is recognized that cities are engines of economic growth which, if well planned and developed, including through integrated planning and management approaches, can promote economically, socially and environmentally sustainable societies, as well as the importance of integrated approaches that enhance overall coherence, promote effective rural-urban linkages and improve the quality of human settlements, including the living and working conditions of both urban and rural dwellers in the context of poverty eradication and achieving sustainable development so that all people have access to basic services, housing and mobility,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 70/1 of 21 October 2015 on Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in which the Assembly announced 17 Sustainable Development Goals with 169 associated targets which are integrated and indivisible, including goal 11, on making cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable,

Welcoming the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) held in Quito, Equator, from 17 to 20 October 2016, entitled “New Urban Agenda”, which reaffirms the global commitment to sustainable urban development as a critical step for realizing sustainable development in an integrated and coordinated manner at the global, regional, national, subnational and local levels, with the participation of all relevant actors,

Welcoming also paragraph 172 of the New Urban Agenda, in which Heads of State and Government, Ministers and high representatives gathered at Habitat III requested the Secretary-General of the United Nations to submit to the General Assembly during its seventy-first session an evidence-based and independent assessment of UN-Habitat.

1 General Assembly resolution 66/288, annex.
Welcoming further The General Assembly resolution 71/235, on the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), which encouraged the Secretary-General, pursuant to paragraphs 171 and 172 of the New Urban Agenda, to take all appropriate measures to ensure that the assessment of UN-Habitat was carried out in a fair, objective, impartial and representative manner, and decided that the report from the assessment should be presented in a timely manner.

Taking note of the progress made to date in the implementation of the strategic plan for 2014–2019, as reported through the annual progress report, and also the findings of the mid-term evaluation of the strategic plan and independent evaluations of activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme,

Recalling paragraph 95 of the strategic plan, on the revision of the plan on the basis of the outcome of Habitat III (i.e., the New Urban Agenda), and any changes in the governance structure of UN-Habitat,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 67/226 of 21 December 2012, on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, in which the Assembly, while noting that non-core resources represented an important contribution to the overall resource base of the United Nations development system and complemented core resources to support operational activities for development, recognized that non-core resources posed challenges and might potentially distort programme priorities regulated by intergovernmental bodies and processes,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 69/226, in which the Assembly recognized that, over the years, the responsibilities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme had changed considerably in their scope and complexity and that the requirement to provide substantive and technical support to developing countries had changed in areas related to sustainable cities and human settlements, as reflected in its strategic plan for 2014–2019,

Noting Governing Council resolution 24/15 of 19 April 2013, in which it requested the Executive Director, working in consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives, to ensure that the results-based strategic framework and work programme and budget documents for the biennium 2016–2017 were aligned with the strategic plan for 2014–2019,

Having considered the revised strategic plan for the period 2014-2019 and the proposed work programme and budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for the biennium 2018–2019 and the recommendations set forth in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,

1. Approves the revised strategic plan for the period 2014-2019 and the proposed work programme and budget for 2018-2019, taking into account the relevant decisions of the Governing Council;

2. Also approves the foundation general purpose budget of 26,060,700 United States dollars and endorses the foundation special purpose budget of 139,894,400 dollars for the biennium 2018-2019 detailed in the proposed work programme and budget for 2018-2019, and notes an estimated technical cooperation funding of 314,418,600 dollars;

3. Also approves the revision of the general reserve to 10% of the Foundation general purpose budget as approved in (2) above;

4. Also approves the freezing of 60 staff positions under the Foundation general purpose while encouraging consultations between member States for improved funding of the foundation.

5. Notes that the foundation general purpose resources are allocated for the biennium 2018–2019 for the purposes indicated in the following table:

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2 HSP/GC/25/5/Add.2.
3 HSP/GC/25/5.
4 HSP/GC/25/5/Add.1
Foundation general purpose resources for the biennium 2018–2019
(thousands of United States dollars)

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6. Takes note of the efforts of the Executive Director in mobilising resources for the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, and requests him to adopt effective measures and to enhance efforts to broaden the donor base of the Foundation general purpose budget, in consultation with member States and in accordance with the Programme’s resource mobilization strategy;

7. Requests the Executive Director to consult the Committee of Permanent Representatives on the recommendations of the evidence-based and independent assessment of UN-Habitat as it applies to the work programme and budget for the period 2018-2019 and to report to the Governing Council at its twenty-seventh session on the progress made in the implementation of the recommendations;

8. Also requests the Executive Director to consult the Committee of Permanent Representatives during the preparation of the biennial results-based strategic framework and work programme and budget documents for the biennium 2020–2021,

9. Calls upon the Executive Director to report annually to member States and, in consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives, to the Governing Council at its twenty-seventh session on progress made in resource mobilization, outcome-level performance, the implementation of the strategic plan and the work programme and budget, including evaluation in line with the results-based management framework;

10. Requests the Executive Director, working closely with the Committee of Permanent Representatives, to review the existing programme performance reporting with a view to consolidating and streamlining reporting, and to adopt to the greatest extent possible common reporting methodology for member states and funding partners.

11. Requests the Executive Director to continue to mainstream cross-cutting issues in the programmes, projects and activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, in line with its mandate, and to allocate resources accordingly;

12. Also requests the Executive Director to continue to strengthen the implementation of results-based management in the programmes, projects, policies and activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and to allocate adequate resources accordingly as available;

13. Authorizes the Executive Director, with a view to ensuring better conformity with the practices of other United Nations bodies, to reallocate resources between subprogrammes up to a
maximum of 10 per cent, and to consult the Committee of Permanent Representatives in respect of any allocation above that contained in the programme of work and budget approved by the Governing Council;

14. Also authorizes the Executive Director, if necessary, to reallocate funds in excess of 10 per cent and up to 20 per cent of the allocations to the subprogrammes in consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives;

15. Further authorizes the Executive Director to adjust, in consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives, the level of allocations to subprogrammes, bringing them into line with possible variations in income compared with the approved level of appropriations;

16. Reiterates its call upon all member States and stakeholders for financial support to the United Nations Human Settlements Programme through increased voluntary contributions, and encourages more member States and stakeholders to accord priority to contributions to the Foundation general purpose Fund in order to provide predictable multi-year funding to support the implementation of the strategic plan for 2014–2019 and the programme of work for 2018–2019;

17. Requests the Executive Director to report to the Governing Council at its twenty-seventh session on the implementation by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme of General Assembly resolution 67/226;

18. Also requests the Executive Director to enhance his efforts to realize and demonstrate the expected results and impact of the programme objectives of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and for the efficient, effective and transparent use of resources to that end, subject to United Nations processes of review, evaluation and oversight;

19. Requests the Executive Director to report annually to member States and, in consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives, to the Governing Council at its twenty-seventh session on progress made in the implementation of the recommendations of internal and external evaluations and audits, as contained in the reports of both the internal and independent oversight bodies;

20. Further requests the Executive Director to continue to ensure that trust funds and earmarked contributions to the United Nations Human Settlements Programme are used to fund activities that are in line with the programme of work;

21. Requests the Executive Director to submit to the Governing Council for approval at its twenty-seventh session, in consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives, a streamlined programme of work and budget for the biennium 2020–2021 that monitors and manages the share of resources devoted respectively to administrative costs and programme activities, with a detailed breakdown of non-post requirements by item of expenditure, while clearly according priority to the application of the resources to programme activities;

22. Requests the Executive Director to ensure appropriate consultations with the Committee of Permanent Representatives on the strategic frameworks and work programmes, including on any proposed changes to those documents, throughout the intersessional period;

23. Also requests the Executive Director to report to the Governing Council at its twenty-seventh session on the implementation of the present resolution.