A draft resolution submitted by Republic of Iraq for GC26
To enhance UN-Habitat’s role in urban crisis response

The Governing Council,

Recalling Governing Council Resolution 19/7, General Assembly Resolution 59/23918 v, Governing Council Resolution 25/4, related to the United Nations Human Settlements Programme’s (UN-Habitat) role in supporting countries affected by armed conflicts or by other man-made or natural disasters,” and in particular its ‘Strategic Policy on Human Settlements’ in Crisis, endorsed by the Committee of Permanent Representatives in November 2007 and recognizing that the Policy needs to be updated taking into account the changing nature of crises and relevant new commitments made by member states over the last 10 years.

Recalling the New Urban Agenda which reaffirm[s] "the role and expertise of (UN-Habitat), within its mandate, as a focal point for sustainable urbanization and human settlements", and which acknowledge[s] that in implementing the New Urban Agenda [...] special attention should be given to "countries in situations of conflict, as well as countries and territories under foreign occupation, post-conflict countries, and countries affected by natural and human-made disasters".

Acknowledging the efforts made by UN-Habitat in response to Governing Council Resolution 25/4 ops 45 to strengthen and coordinate its partnerships with humanitarian and development actors, including through its City Resilience Profiling Programme, the Inter-Agency Standing Committee Reference Group on Meeting Humanitarian Challenges in Urban Areas, and the Global Alliance for Urban Crises as an innovative multi-stakeholder platform, and the progress made in response to Governing Council 25/4 ops 14 to support and reinforce the coordination of the efforts of the United Nations system, through the Global Land Tool Network, to bring coherence and conflict-sensitive approaches to land issues;

Acknowledging the principles outlined in the Urban Crisis Charter of the Global Alliance for Urban Crises and in particular the calls 1. to priorities local municipal leadership in determining response to urban crisis that is aligned with development trajectories, promoting the active participation of affected people – with special attention to the participation of women – and other key urban stakeholders; 2. adopt urban resilience as a common framework to align human rights, humanitarian and development goals; 3. manage urban displacement as a combined human rights, development and humanitarian concern; and, 4. build partnerships between city, national, regional and global level, across disciplines and professions, and ensure involvement of Local Government and Professional Associations."

Recalling the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review (General Assembly Resolution 71/243 ops 14.), the positive role that sustainable development can play in mitigating drivers of conflicts, disaster risks, humanitarian crises and complex emergencies. and that a comprehensive whole-of-system response, including greater cooperation and
complementarily among development, disaster risk reduction, humanitarian action and sustaining peace, is fundamental to most efficiently and effectively addressing needs and attaining the Sustainable Development Goals; and General Assembly Resolution 70/262 emphasizing that sustaining peace is a shared task and responsibility that needs to be fulfilled by the Government and all other national stakeholders, and should flow through all three pillars of the United Nations engagement at all stages of conflict, and in all its dimensions, and needs sustained international attention and assistance;

Reiterating General Assembly Resolution A/RES/70/165/ops 8 which encourages strengthened international cooperation, in particular between humanitarian and development actors, including [amongst others] the integration of the human rights and needs of internally displaced persons into both rural and urban development strategies.

1. **Calls** upon the Executive Director to establish an Urban Crisis Response Fund for UN-Habitat to facilitate UN-Habitat’s rapid and predictable deployment to urban crises, managed with existing human resources and guided by detailed standard operating procedures;

2. **Calls** upon the Executive Director to update UN-Habitat's Strategic Policy on Human Settlements in Crisis, in line with its mandate, and to support the institutional and operational set-up of the organization in order to:
   i) better support the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, with inputs of all UN-Habitat’s subprograms, in countries in situations of conflict, as well as countries and territories under foreign occupation, post-conflict countries, and countries affected by natural and human-made disasters;
   ii) ensure UN-Habitat’s work contributes to the UN-system commitment to sustaining peace and a comprehensive whole-of-system response in complex emergencies and to;
   iii) better support member states in their efforts to implement the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction;

3. **Requests** UN Habitat to continue supporting innovative partnerships such as the Global Alliance for Urban Crisis; convening humanitarian and development organizations, associations of local governments, professional networks and the private sectoring order to be more effective in preventing, preparing for, and responding to humanitarian crises in urban environments;

4. **Further Calls upon** member states and others to contribute generously to the Urban Crisis Response Fund and the initiatives initiated through the Global Alliance for Urban Crises;

5. **Requests** the Executive Director to report to the Governing Council at its twenty-seventh session on in the implementation of the present resolution.