Promoting effective implementation, follow up and review of the New Urban Agenda

The Governing Council

Welcoming the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban development entitled the New Urban Agenda as adopted by the 71st session of the United Nations General Assembly,

Recognizing the New Urban Agenda as the global plan of action with shared vision for guiding and promoting collective efforts towards achieving sustainable housing and urban development over the next 20 years,

Aware that effective implementation of the New Urban Agenda requires deployment of adequate financial resources, technology development and transfer, capacity building and mutually beneficial partnerships, and that these have been declining in the recent past,

Recalling the role and expertise of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), within its mandate, as a focal point for sustainable urbanization and human settlements, including in the implementation, follow-up to and review of the New Urban Agenda, in collaboration with other United Nations system entities.

Taking note of the strategic plan 2014–2019, lessons so far learnt from its implementation and its subsequent amendments in response to the New Urban Agenda, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, the Paris Climate Agreement, the midterm evaluation report and UN-Habitat’s humanitarian work in post-conflict and post-disaster environments,

Further taking note of the request to the Secretary-General, in light of the New Urban Agenda, to submit to the General Assembly during its 71st session an evidence-based and independent assessment report of the UN-Habitat containing recommendations to enhance the effectiveness, efficiency, accountability and oversight of UN-Habitat

Emphasizing the need to commence implementation of the New Urban Agenda in an integrated, holistic and timely manner and the importance of coordination and synergies in achieving the objectives of the Agenda and urbanization components of other related global instruments

Also Emphasizing that well designed, planned and managed cities and other human settlements have the potential of improving the living conditions of all especially the poor and those in vulnerable situations,

Recognizing the role of Governments and non-state actors in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda across the value chain including policy-making, planning, design, implementation, operation and maintenance, and monitoring, as well as the financing and timely delivery of services.
1. Calls upon developed countries, donors and other countries in a position to do so to provide adequate and predictable financial resources to cushion the UN-Habitat from the negative impacts of the declining financial resource flows in particular from the regular Budget of the United Nations.

2. Encourages UN-Habitat, in close collaboration with relevant actors, to develop UN system wide strategy for implementation of the New Urban Agenda and to lead in the implementation of the urban dimensions of the Sustainable Development Goals, in close collaboration with Member States and other relevant stakeholders.

3. Looks forward to a timely submission by the Secretary General of an independent assessment report containing recommendations on enhancing the effectiveness of the UN-Habitat for consideration by Member States.

4. Requests the UN-Habitat pursuant to the relevant paragraphs of the New Urban Agenda to conduct follow up and review of the NUA and to prepare and submit reports in a timely fashion for consideration and appropriate actions.

5. Requests the Executive Director to include representatives of Member States in the Project Advisory Group of the UN-Habitat whenever there is a joint project to be undertaken in partnership.

6. Requests the Executive Director to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution for consideration by Member States during the next Governing Council.