26/9. Human settlements development in the Occupied Palestinian Territory

The Governing Council,

Recalling its resolution 19/18 of 9 May 2003, in which it endorsed the establishment of the Special Human Settlements Programme for the Palestinian People and the Technical Cooperation Trust Fund, and its resolution 22/11 of 3 April 2009, in which it called upon member States to provide financial support to the Special Human Settlements Programme for the Palestinian People and the Technical Cooperation Trust Fund,

Recalling also its resolution 23/2 of 15 April 2011, in which it called upon the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) to further focus its operations on housing, land, and planning issues, recognizing the quality of the technical assessments organized by UN-Habitat and acknowledging the progress made on these issues with the technical assistance of UN-Habitat,

Acknowledging the challenges to ensure the financial sustainability of the Special Human Settlement Programme of the Palestinian People and the Technical Cooperation Trust Fund,

1. Calls upon UN-Habitat to continue to focus its work where there are acute humanitarian and development needs as identified through technical assessments by UN-Habitat. Particular emphasis should continue to be devoted to the important needs of the Palestinian communities in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, since 1967, through strengthened UN-Habitat projects, as detailed in various UN-Habitat reports, in full coordination with all concerned parties;

2. Requests the Executive Director of UN-Habitat to reconvene the Advisory Board to the Special Human Settlements Programme for the Palestinian People and the Technical Cooperation Trust Fund with particular emphasis on reviewing progress and supporting fundraising to meet identified gaps in view also of the implementation of the New Urban Agenda;

3. Calls upon Member States and other stakeholders in a position to do so to financially support the Special Human Settlements Programme for the Palestinian People and the Technical Cooperation Trust Fund;

4. Calls upon all concerned parties to take practical measures that can foster sustainable urbanization in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, and in so doing improve the conditions for peace;

5. Requests the Executive Director to report to the Governing Council at its twenty-seventh session on progress with regard to the Special Human Settlements Programme for the Palestinian People, including progress in the mobilization of financial resources for the Technical Cooperation Trust Fund.