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Activities of the
United Nations Human Settlements Programme:
Progress report

DRAFT RESOLUTIONS PREPARED BY THE COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN SETTLEMENTS PROGRAMME

Corrigendum

Pages 32-36, footnotes.

Should read as in the attached pages.

* In its resolution 56/206 of 21 December 2001, the General Assembly transformed the Commission on Human Settlements into the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT), a subsidiary organ of the General Assembly. This session has been designated as the nineteenth instead of the first session of the Governing Council to signify the continuity and relationship between the Governing Council and the Commission on Human Settlements.

** HSP/GC/19/1.
The Governing Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 53/179 of 15 December 1998 on integration of the economies in transition in the world economy,

Recalling also the Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium adopted by General Assembly at its twenty-fifth special session,

Bearing in mind the Commission on Human Settlements resolution 18/7 of 16 February 2001 on countries with economies in transition,

Convinced of the need for improved urban development and housing policies and practices in the countries with economies in transition, especially those which are suffering from economic problems in their development at the current stage,

Noting that the work in this field of activities is also ongoing in other organizations, in particular in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe,

1. Requests the Executive Director, subject to the availability of funds, to intensify efforts to implement resolution 18/7 of the Commission on Human Settlements,

2. Also requests the Executive Director to render assistance in mobilizing additional funding from the sources indicated in paragraph 48 of the above-mentioned Declaration as well as from donors and international funds, from the United Nations Development Programme and other agencies within the United Nations system,

3. Further requests the Executive Director, subject to the availability of [earmarked] United Kingdom funds, to support projects aimed at improving urban development and the housing sector in countries with economies in transition, in the following areas, among others:

   (a) Further development of housing planning zoning, rules of local use and development of the urban settlement;

   (b) Improved urban development planning, taking account of market principles and sustainability;

   (c) Improved systems of property and land registries;

   (d) Reform of management of the housing stock;

   (e) Improvement in the management of engineering infrastructure in the cities;

   (f) Introduction of sustainable transportation infrastructure elements in the course of the planning of human settlements;

   (g) Protection of tenants’ rights to participate in local decision-making in line with the global campaigns of secure tenure and urban governance;

4. Requests the Executive Director to report to it at its twentieth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

63 General Assembly resolution S-25/2, annex.
Enhancing the engagement of youth in the work of UN-HABITAT (L.14/Rev.1)

The Governing Council,

Recalling the United Nations Millennium Declaration 64 and its important goals and targets pertaining to youth,

Recalling its resolution 18/3 of 16 February 2001, which invites all relevant stakeholders and partners to formalize partnerships with the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT) with a view to realizing the goals of the secure tenure and urban governance campaigns,

Recalling its resolutions 17/19 of 14 May 1999 and 18/8 of 16 February 2001 on partnership with youth,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 50/81 of 14 December 1995 in which the General Assembly adopted the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond; and aware of the outcome of the review at the forty-first Session of the Commission for Social Development of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the global situation of youth,

Acknowledging that in paragraph 170 of its Plan of Implementation 65 the World Summit on Sustainable Development resolved to “promote and support youth participation and activities relating to sustainable development through, for example, supporting local youth councils or their equivalent, and by encouraging their establishment where they do not exist”,

Taking note of the Declaration on Cities and other Human Settlements in the New Millennium 66 of the twenty-fifth special session of the General Assembly, for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda, which called for intensification of efforts towards enhancing the role of youth,

Noting with appreciation the partnerships already established by UN-HABITAT with several bilateral donors on undertaking urban youth development programmes focusing on crime prevention and employment generation,

Noting the establishment by the Executive Director of a Partners and Youth Section as a mechanism to support and advance the engagement of youth organizations in the work of the Program,

Noting also the UN-HABITAT global campaign on urban governance, which promotes the involvement of youth in local governance; as well as the activities of UN-HABITAT in support of vulnerable urban youth within the framework of the Safer Cities Programme,

[Considering the implementation of related youth programmes by various United Nations agencies and in specific the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the International Labour Organization, the United Nations Enviroment Programme and the United Nations Childrens Fund, and the need to enhance inter-agency coordination on UN-HABITAT’s work programme elements on youth employment and youth crime prevention at the city level,] [United States].

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64 See General Assembly resolution 55/2.
65 See General Assembly resolution S-25/2, annex, para. 53.
66 See General Assembly resolution S-25/2, annex, para. 53.
1. **Requests** the Executive Director to continue to strengthen and advance the work programme of UN-HABITAT in the engagement of youth in urban governance and in addressing the problem of youth at risk, and to develop actions with special focus on capacity-building and poverty alleviation;

2. **Also requests** the Executive Director to ensure the active participation of UN-HABITAT in the Secretary General’s initiative on youth employment, in the framework of the United Nations Millennium Declaration goal of improving the lives of at least 100 million slum dwellers by 2020;

3. **Further requests** the Executive Director to develop a global partnership initiative on urban youth development in Africa, in partnership with other relevant United Nations agencies, multilateral institutions and private foundations in the context of the New Partnership for Africa’s Development;

3.bis **[Also requests** the Executive Director to develop a Global Partnership Initiative on Urban Youth Development in Africa, in partnership with other relevant United Nations agencies, such as the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the International Labour Organization, the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Children’s Fund, as well as, multilateral institutions and private foundations, in the context of the New Partnership for Africa’s Development;]

[United States]

4. **Requests** the Executive Director to establish an interim youth consultative mechanism to contribute to the work of UN-HABITAT and to initiate the development of a draft strategy on enhancing the engagement of youth in the work of UN-HABITAT, to be submitted to the Governing Council at its twentieth session, in 2005;

5. **Invites** Governments to support and enable the participation of youth in national and local activities related to human settlements development, including through the formulation of integrated, gender-sensitive and cross-sectoral youth policies at the local level and through supporting the development of local youth plans of action targeting vulnerable groups;

6. **Encourages** Governments, as appropriate, to allocate financial resources for the prevention, protection, rehabilitation and reintegration of urban children and urban youth at risk;

7. **Invites** Governments, non-governmental and private-sector organizations and international financial institutions to provide or increase their support to the activities of UN-HABITAT on urban youth development programmes;

8. **Requests** the Executive Director to report to it at its next session progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

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67 See General Assembly resolution 55/2.
Note

At its meeting of 29 April 2003, the Committee of Permanent Representatives decided to transmit the draft resolution entitled "World Urban Forum Barcelona 2004" (draft resolution L.15) which was submitted by Spain, to the Governing Council for consideration and appropriate action.

World Urban Forum, Barcelona 2004 (L.15)

The Governing Council,

Recalling paragraph 10 of its resolution 18/5 of 16 February 2001 in which the Governing Council requested the Executive Director "to promote a merger of the Urban Environment Forum and the International Forum on Urban Poverty into a new urban forum, with a view to strengthening the coordination of international support to the implementation of the Habitat Agenda",

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 56/206 of 21 December 2001, and in particular paragraph 3 of section B, in which the General Assembly decided that the Forum would be a "non-legislative technical forum in which experts can exchange views in the years when the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme does not meet",

Further recalling paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 56/205 of 21 December 2001 in which the General Assembly encouraged local authorities and other Habitat Agenda partners to participate, as appropriate, in the World Urban Forum in its role as an advisory body to the Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT),

Taking note of the close relationship between the objectives of the World Urban Forum and those of the Universal Forum of Cultures (Barcelona, 9 May to 26 September 2004), which is supported by the United Nations Economic and Social Council and organized by a consortium between the Government of Spain, the Autonomous Government of Catalonia and the Municipality of Barcelona,

Having considered the report of the Executive Director on the first session of the World Urban Forum (doc. HSP/GC/19/2/Add.1),

1. Welcomes the wide participation at the first session of the World Urban Forum by Governments, local authorities and other Habitat Agenda partners and the successful outcome of the session including its recommendations on sustainable urbanization which were submitted to the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Johannesburg, 26 August to 4 September 2002);

2. Takes note of the objectives and working arrangements for future sessions of the World Urban Forum as contained in annex IV of the report of its first session;

3. Confirms that the World Urban Forum should serve as a think tank of experts who advise the Executive Director of UN-HABITAT on issues concerning international cooperation in the area of shelter and sustainable urbanization;

4. Reiterates that, in addition to Governments, attendance at sessions of the World Urban Forum should be as inclusive as possible so as to ensure that local authorities and other Habitat Agenda partners participate in the identification of new issues, the sharing of lessons learned, best practices and good policies with a view to facilitating the optimum exchange of experiences and the advancement of collective knowledge among Governments, cities and their development partners in the field of shelter and sustainable urbanization;
5. **Welcomes, with appreciation,** the invitation by the Government of Spain, the Municipality of Barcelona and the Universal Forum of the Cultures Barcelona 2004, for the World Urban Forum to hold its second session in the city of Barcelona from 13 to 17 September 2004;

6. **Requests** the Executive Director to take into account the deliberations and decisions of the nineteenth session of the Governing Council in her preparation of the provisional agenda and documentation for the second session of the World Urban Forum;

7. **Further requests** the Executive Director to provide adequate organizational and substantive support to the preparations for and convening of the second session of the World Urban Forum in Barcelona;

8. **Urges** all Governments, local authorities and other Habitat Agenda partners to attend and participate actively in the deliberations of the second session of the World Urban Forum;

9. **Invites** Governments in a position to do so to contribute generously to the Trust Fund which will be utilized by the Executive Director to support the travel and participation of representatives of the least developed countries and of Habitat Agenda partners in the second session of the World Urban Forum;

10. **Also welcomes, with appreciation,** the invitation by the Prime Minister of Canada for the World Urban Forum to hold its third session in Vancouver in the year 2006;

11. **Requests** the Executive Director to report to the Governing Council at its twentieth session on the outcome of the second session of the World Urban Forum;

12. Having heard the explanations on the Universal Forum of Cultures Barcelona 2004, in whose framework the second session of the World Urban Forum will be held, **considers** the Universal Forum of Cultures Barcelona 2004 an initiative of great interest for UN-HABITAT and **gives its full support** to it.

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