Draft Resolution on Work Programme and Budget of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for the 2008-2009 biennium

The Governing Council,

Recalling the commitments made by the Governments in the United Nations Millennium Declaration of achieving a significant improvement in the lives of at least 100 million slum dwellers by 2020, and at the World Summit on Sustainable Development, to reduce by half the proportion of people without sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation by the year 2015,

Taking into account General Assembly resolution 60/203 of 13 March 2006, in which the General Assembly called for increased voluntary contributions recognizing the continued urgent need for increased and predictable financial contributions to the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation,

Bearing in mind the United Nations Office of Internal Oversight Services’ recommendation in its report of April 2005, that the United Nations Human Settlements Programme should sharpen its focus on critical areas within its mandate,

Also bearing in mind the request of the Governing Council that the Executive Director develop a six-year medium-term strategic and institutional plan, including clear implications for the organizational structure, financial and human resources of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, including global, regional and country levels, taking into account wider United Nations reform processes, for submission to the Governing Council at its 21st session,

Having considered the proposed biennial integrated work programme and budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for the biennium 2008-2009 and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,

1. Confirms that the biennial work programme for 2008–2009 reflects the structure and orientation of the approved biennial strategic framework for the period 2008–2009;

2. [Approves the proposed work programme and budget for 2008-2009 as set forth in document HSP/GC/21/;] Japan

3. [Also approves the general purpose budget of $32,795,100 and endorses the special purpose budget of $72,933,500 for the biennium 2008-2009 as outlined in document HSP/GC/21/;] Japan

4. [Further approves an increase in the general purpose statutory reserve from $2,419,100 to $3,279,500 for the biennium 2008-2009;] Japan
5. *[Endorses the recommendations contained in the report (GC/21/INF/) on the review of the administrative arrangements at the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, including its relationship with the United Nations Office at Nairobi, which will enable it to function more effectively and more efficiently;]*

6. *[Calls upon the Executive Director, in consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives, to revise the biennial strategic framework and work programme and budget for 2008-2009 in alignment with the six-year medium-term strategic and institutional plan approved by the Governing Council at its 21st session;]*

7. *[Requests the Executive Director to report periodically to Governments, [always with a copy to] the Committee of Permanent Representatives, on progress made on the implementation of the work programme and budget for the 2008-2009 biennium;]*

8. *[Also requests the Executive Director to ensure timely and detailed consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives during the preparation of both a prioritized strategic framework 2010-2011 and a prioritized, results-based work programme and budget for 2010-2011 biennium, both aligned to the six-year medium-term strategic and institutional plan approved by the Governing Council at its 21st session;]*