Guiding principles on access to basic services for all

The Governing Council,

**Recalling** its resolution 20/5 on access to basic services for all within the context of sustainable human settlements, and **cognizant** of the Report HSP/GC/21/2/Add.7, entitled “Guiding principles on access to basic services for all”;

**Also recalling** the Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium, which calls for the promotion of access to safe drinking water for all and the facilitation of the provision of basic infrastructure and urban services, including adequate sanitation, waste management and sustainable transport through transparent and accountable management of public services, and also partnerships with the private sector and non-profit organizations, for the delivery of those services\(^1\);

1. **Appreciates** the leading role of UN-HABITAT and the contribution of UNITAR in the consultative process which led to the development of the “Guiding principles on access to basic services for all”;

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\(^1\) General Assembly resolution S-25/2, para 59
2. **Requests** UN-HABITAT to develop draft Guidelines on access to basic services for all based on further consultations with concerned stakeholders and in line with the “Guidelines on Decentralisation” and the “Guiding principles on access to basic services for all”;

3. **Requests** UN-HABITAT to further develop tools and indicators as part of its support to the application of the Guiding principles and subsequent Guidelines on access to basic services for all [and to assist interested Governments in adapting them to their national contexts, where appropriate;]

4. **Invites** Governments to undertake further concerted and coordinated action to place the issues of access to basic services for all at the centre of their national development policies, and to strengthen their legal and institutional frameworks with regard to the delivery of basic services;

5. **Encourages** Governments to support technically and financially—and provide additional financial support for the preparation by UN-HABITAT in cooperation with other UN agencies of the guidelines on access to basic services for all, which should be submitted to the Governing Council for its consideration at its twenty-second session;

6. **Requests** the Executive Director to include a reference to the implementation of the present resolution in her
overall progress report to the twenty-second session of the Governing Council.