Medium-term Strategic and Institutional Plan for 2008-2013

The Governing Council,

Recalling its resolution 20/19 requesting the Executive Director, in consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives, to 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 at the global, regional and country levels, taking into account wider United Nations reform processes, for submission to the Governing Council at its twenty-first session;

Further recalling its request in that same resolution for the Executive Director to develop an overarching resource mobilisation strategy, including options adopted by other United Nations bodies for broadening the donor base and, in particular, encouraging non-earmarked contributions;

Appreciating in particular the catalytic role of UN-HABITAT in mobilising and supporting partners in implementing the focus and result areas of the Plan in support of its vision of stabilising, reducing and ultimately reversing the formation of slums, its overarching goal for sustainable urbanisation, and its corresponding management reforms envisaged for ensuring the successful implementation of the Plan;

Noting with satisfaction the enhanced normative framework of the Plan and its capacity-building and pre-investment strategy at the country level to ensure leverage international finance with domestic capital and community savings in support of the attainment of the human settlements related targets of the Millennium Declaration, in line with UN reform;

Recognising the comprehensive measures for: ensuring programme-wide alignment and coherence; integrated monitoring and evaluation; communication, branding and reporting; human resources management; and other strategies for management excellence included in the Plan to ensure greater effectiveness and efficiency of UN-HABITAT, and to enhance visibility and appeal in support of its Resource Mobilisation Strategy;
1. **Commends** the Executive Director for having developed a sharply-focused results-based medium-term strategic and institutional plan and having done so through extensive consultations with all staff of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, external partners including other UN agencies, and the Committee of Permanent Representatives;

2. **Welcomes** the establishment of policies, strategies and operational guidelines for enhancing the catalytic role of UN-HABITAT in inter alia, partnerships, sustainable recovery and reconstruction, resource mobilisation, and the revitalization of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation;

3. **Endorses** the UN-HABITAT Medium-term Strategic and Institutional Plan for the period 2008-2013 and the corresponding implications for the Work Programme and Budget for 2008-2009;

4. **Urges** all Member States to re-establish or strengthen broad-based National Habitat Committees to serve as the interface for implementing the enhanced normative framework for country-level operations;

5. **Further urges** all Members States, in a position to do so, to provide in-kind and in-cash contributions to meet the start-up costs for implementing the Plan;

6. **Calls upon** all Habitat Agenda partners to support the full implementation of the focus and result areas of the Plan;

7. **Requests** the Executive Director to report on the implementation of the present report to the twenty-second session of the Governing Council.