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. [*Approves* the proposed work programme and budget for 2008-2009 as set forth in document HSP/GC/21/4;]

2. [*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/21/4;]
3. [Endorses the organizational and budget scenarios presented in HSP/GC/21/4/ Add.3 in line with the medium-term strategic and institutional plan and authorizes the Executive Director, subject to the availability of resources, to make additional commitments of up to US $15 million against General Purpose funds, as well as any additional Special Purpose funds earmarked for the implementation of the medium-term strategic and institutional plan;]

4. [Further approves an increase in the general purpose statutory reserve from $2,419,100 to $3,279,500 for the biennium 2008-2009;]

5. Takes note of 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.

6. [Calls upon the Executive Director, in consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives, to revise the biennial strategic framework for its presentation to the Committee on Programme and Coordination 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, including through the Committee of Permanent Representatives on progress made on the implementation of the work programme and budget for the biennium 2008-2009;

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;

9. Authorizes the Executive Director, in the event of a shortfall or a surplus in income, to adjust the level of allocations for programme activities to bring it into line with actual level of income;

10. Also authorizes the Executive Director to reallocate general-purpose resources between subprogrammes up to a maximum of 25 per cent of the total general-purpose budget;
11. *Requests* the Executive Director to report all reallocations and adjustments to the Committee of Permanent Representatives in her quarterly financial reports;