Draft resolution on a third session of the United Nations conference on housing and sustainable urban development

Submission by the drafting group

The Governing Council,

Recalling the recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements, held in Vancouver, Canada, in 1976, which formed the basis for national action and international cooperation in the field of human settlements,¹

Recalling also the Habitat Agenda² and the Istanbul Declaration on Human Settlements³ as the main outcomes of the Habitat II Conference held in 1996,⁴ which established the twin goals of adequate shelter for all and sustainable human settlements development in an urbanizing world, and adopted a global plan of action to attain those goals,


Bearing in mind the contribution of housing and urban development to sustainable national social and economic development,

Aware of the ever-growing challenges to deliver sustainable urbanization and development in the face of the accelerating demographic shift towards cities,

⁴ Twenty-fifth special session of the United Nations General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and the strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat).
⁵ General Assembly resolution S-25/2, annex.
Recognizing the challenges arising from poorly planned and managed urbanization in terms of urban poverty and deprivation,

1. **Recommend**s to the General Assembly that it consider, at its sixty-fourth session, the question of convening in 2016 a third United Nations conference on housing and sustainable urban development (Habitat III);

2. **Requests** the Executive Director to report to the Governing Council at its twenty-third session on the outcome of the present resolution.