Draft Resolution on global and national strategies and frameworks for improving the lives of slum dwellers beyond the Millennium Development Goals target

The Governing Council,

Recalling the goal contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration of achieving a significant improvement in the lives of at least 100 million slum-dwellers by 2020 and the goal contained in the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (“Johannesburg Plan of Implementation”) to halve, by 2015, the proportion of people who lack access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation;

Recalling also the Habitat Agenda, the Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium and the Monterrey Consensus of the International Conference on Financing for Development;

Expressing its concern over the continued increase in the number of the world’s slum-dwellers, in spite of the attainment of the Millennium Development Goal target of achieving a significant improvement in the lives of at least 100 million slum-dwellers;

Welcoming the commitment by Heads of State and Government at the High-level Plenary Meeting of the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals to continue working towards cities without slums, beyond current targets, by reducing slum populations and improving the lives of slum-dwellers, with adequate support of the international community, by prioritizing national urban planning strategies with the participation of all stakeholders, by promoting equal access for people living in slums to public services, including health, education, energy, water and sanitation and adequate shelter, and by promoting sustainable urban and rural development, and their encouragement to UN-Habitat to continue providing the necessary technical assistance

Mindful of General Assembly resolution 65/63, in particular its paragraph 4, in which it invites the Governing Council of UN-Habitat to consider at its earliest convenience appropriate global and national strategies and frameworks for future work, for the achievement of a significant improvement in the lives of slum-dwellers beyond the current slum-related targets, in the light of the continued increase in the number of the world’s slum-dwellers;

1. Invites Governments to accurately enumerate the slum population in their countries and, on the basis of this, to set voluntary and realistic national targets, to be attained by 2020, on significantly improving the lives of slum dwellers (to set voluntary and realistic national targets for reducing the slum population by at least half by the year 2020) through the formulation and implementation of national urban planning strategies that prioritize improved access to adequate shelter and basic urban services and infrastructure for people living in slums, including water, sanitation, transport, energy, health and education, as well as by promoting sustainable urban development and the participation of all stakeholders;

2. Also invites local authorities, within the framework of the national urban planning strategies of their respective countries, to set local 2020 targets for significantly improving the lives of slum dwellers (to set local and realistic targets for reducing the slum population by at least half by the year 2020) and to formulate and implement slum prevention and upgrading programmes prioritizing improved access to adequate shelter and basic urban services and infrastructure,

1 See resolution 55/2.
4 Resolution S-25/2, annex.
including water, sanitation, transport, energy, health and education, as well as creation of the conditions necessary for sustainable urban livelihoods in their cities;

3. Requests the General Assembly to consider updating the Millennium Development target on significantly improving the lives of at least 100 million slum dwellers by 2020, which has been attained, by the combined voluntary national targets for significantly improving the lives of slum dwellers by 2020 (for reducing the slum population by at least half by the year 2020), and to promote global action in support of the attainment of these voluntary national targets;

4. Invites the international community and financial institutions to provide generous financial assistance to Governments and local authorities for implementing programmes designed to achieve their national and local 2020 targets on improving the lives of slum dwellers (on reducing the slum population);

5. Requests UN-Habitat to provide technical and advisory assistance to Governments and local authorities wishing to accurately enumerate their slum population levels and trends, set national and local 2020 targets, prepare national and local slum prevention and upgrading strategies and plans, as well as formulate and implement slum upgrading and housing programmes;

6. Further requests UN-Habitat to compile the national 2020 targets set by all Governments on significantly improving the lives of slum dwellers (the national targets on reducing the slum population by at least half by the year 2020), monitor implementation progress and report periodically to the Governing Council and the General Assembly, in order to assist the international community in the global monitoring of progress and of the scale of work that needs to be done;

7. Reiterates its call for continued financial support to UN-Habitat through increased voluntary contributions, and invites Governments in a position to do so, and other stakeholders, to provide predictable multi-year funding and increased non-earmarked contributions to support the implementation of the medium-term strategic and institutional plan of UN-Habitat;

8. Invites the international community and financial institutions to contribute generously to the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation, to enable UN-Habitat to assist developing countries in mobilizing public investment and private capital for slum upgrading, shelter and basic services.

9. Requests the Executive Director to report on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution to the Governing Council at its twenty-fourth session.