Draft Resolution 23/8 (sponsored by France)

Coordinated implementation of the guidelines on access to basic services for all and the guidelines on decentralization and strengthening of local authorities

The Governing Council,

Recalling its resolution 22/8 on the guidelines on access to basic services for all and cognizant of the report of the Executive Director on the Coordinated implementation of the guidelines on access to basic services for all and the guidelines on decentralization and strengthening of local authorities,

Also recalling General Assembly resolution 65/165 of 24 November 2010 supporting the dissemination and implementation of the guidelines on decentralization and strengthening of local authorities and the guidelines on access to basic services for all,

Considering that all basic services listed in paragraph 84 of the Habitat Agenda, are strongly interrelated, both sectorally, as the availability of one is necessary for the production or the delivery of another, and geographically, as they require coordination of policies at various territorial levels,

1. Expresses appreciation for the leading role of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and for the contribution of other agencies, member states and partners in developing tools for supporting the efforts of interested countries to undertake the coordinated adaptation and implementation of the two sets of guidelines;

2. Invites Governments to step up efforts to adapt and implement the two sets of Guidelines in a coordinated manner and according to national circumstances by reviewing and improving their legislation, including on the application of multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder strategic planning instruments at various territorial levels with emphasis on poor and marginalized settlements, and reviewing administrative frameworks to avoid overlapping mandates and improve financial mechanisms for ensuring access to basic services for all.

3. Invites all relevant United Nations entities to systematically engage in a dialogue with UN-Habitat to ensure that their initiatives related to shelter and basic services benefit from the two sets of guidelines;

4. Urges UN-Habitat to place special emphasis in all its programmes related to decentralization and access to basic services on enhancing national-level and regional-level exchanges on the implementation of the two sets of guidelines;

5. Encourages coordination among development actors (United Nations entities, international financial institutions, development agencies and banks, international associations of local authorities) to promote integrated development approaches for all basic services and support coordinated activities at national and local levels;

6. Calls upon UN-Habitat to develop enhanced partnerships with local authorities and their associations, including via the United Nations Advisory Committee of Local Authorities (UNACLA) for the implementation of the guidelines at national level;
7. *Calls upon* UN-Habitat, within the context of the enhanced normative and operational framework of its medium-term strategic and institutional plan, to strengthen the human and financial capacities dedicated to facilitate the development and testing of multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder instruments for operationalizing the guidelines and to assist interested countries to undertake the coordinated adaptation and implementation of the two sets of guidelines.

8. *Requests* the Executive Director to report on the progress made in the coordinated implementation of the two sets of guidelines and of the present resolution to the Governing Council at its twenty-fourth session.