To continue to strengthen and mainstream the work of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme on the engagement of young people in human settlements development and in taking measures in relation to their livelihoods;

To provide the necessary mechanisms for the World Urban Youth Forum to be recognized as an integral part of the World Urban Forum;

To evaluate the operation of the Opportunities Fund for Urban Youth-led Development and to submit a report thereon to the Governing Council at its twenty-third session;

5. Also requests the Executive Director to ensure that urban youth development issues are reflected substantively in future issues of the Global Report on Human Settlements and of the State of the World’s Cities report;

6. Further requests the Executive Director to submit a report on the progress in the implementation of the present resolution to the Governing Council at its twenty-third session.

Resolution 22/5: Governance of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme

The Governing Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 56/206 of 21 December 2001, which transformed the Commission on Human Settlements and its secretariat, the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), including the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation, into the United Nations Human Settlements Programme,

Recalling also its resolution 21/2 of 20 April 2007 on the medium-term strategic and institutional plan for 2008–2013, which called upon the Executive Director to consult the Committee of Permanent Representatives on the need to review the efficiency and effectiveness of the governance structure of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme,

Taking note of the note by the Executive Director on the efficiency and effectiveness of the governance structure of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme,

1. Requests the Executive Director and the Committee of Permanent Representatives to undertake jointly, within the work programme and budget, an examination of the governance of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme with a view to identifying and implementing ways to improve the transparency, accountability, efficiency and effectiveness of the functioning of the existing governance structure and to identify options for any other potential relevant changes for consideration by the Governing Council at its twenty-third session;

2. Requests the Executive Director to begin work as soon as possible on the terms of reference for the above-mentioned exercise, which are to be developed in close cooperation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives and submitted for its endorsement.

Resolution 22/6: Habitat awards

The Governing Council,

Recalling the establishment of the Habitat Scroll of Honour awards to acknowledge initiatives that have made outstanding contributions in various fields such as shelter provision, highlighting the plight of the homeless, leadership in post-conflict reconstruction and developing and improving human settlements and the quality of urban life,