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Human settlements

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its relevant resolutions and decisions on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda,¹

Acknowledging the work of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) towards attaining the goal of sustainable urban development and the implementation of the Habitat Agenda, as well as of other goals and targets relevant to human settlements,

Recalling the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012, entitled “The future we want”,²

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 67/216 of 21 December 2012, in which the Assembly took decisions on the scope, modalities, format and organization of the third United Nations conference on housing and sustainable urban development (Habitat III), to be held in 2016,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda;³

2. *Also takes note* of the report of the twenty-fourth session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat);⁴

* E/2013/100.

** On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

¹ *Report of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), Istanbul, 3-14 June 1996* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.97.IV.6), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

² General Assembly resolution 66/288, annex.

³ E/2013/68.

⁴ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 8 (A/68/8).*



3. *Notes* the approval of the strategic plan for 2014-2019 by the Governing Council at its twenty-fourth session;⁵

4. *Recommends* that the General Assembly, at its sixty-eighth session, designate 31 October of every year beginning in 2014 as World Cities Day, as proposed in resolution 24/1 of the Governing Council;

5. *Invites* Governments to further promote sustainable urbanization and the role of local authorities in their national development policies and programmes and to consider the environmentally sustainable, socially inclusive and economically productive roles of cities in the post-2015 development agenda and sustainable development goals;

6. *Encourages* Governments to initiate processes to strengthen or develop national urban policies as a key strategy for national socioeconomic development that maximizes the national and local benefits of urbanization, integrates housing policy and mitigates potential adverse externalities, and as a coordination mechanism among different sectors and Government ministries;

7. *Urges* Governments to allocate appropriate financial and human resources for slum upgrading and prevention and for improving the access of poor communities to urban basic services, and to establish financing strategies that mobilize public subsidies and income generated by land regularization and reallocation processes;

8. *Encourages* Governments to expedite the preparation of national reports assessing the implementation of the Habitat Agenda and other relevant internationally agreed goals and targets, as well as identifying future policy directions for inclusion in a “New Urban Agenda” at the third United Nations conference on housing and sustainable urban development (Habitat III);

9. *Reiterates* its invitation to the international donor community and financial institutions to contribute generously to UN-Habitat through increased voluntary financial contributions to the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation, and invites Governments in a position to do so and other stakeholders to provide predictable multi-year funding and increased non-earmarked contributions;

10. *Invites* the international donor community and financial institutions to support the national, regional and global preparations for Habitat III, through voluntary contributions to the trust fund for the conference;

11. *Encourages* Governments and Habitat Agenda partners to give appropriate consideration, in their contributions to the post-2015 development agenda, to sustainable urbanization and sustainable urban development and to the role of cities and local governments in this regard;

12. *Welcomes* the offer of the Government of Ecuador to host the conference in Quito in 2016, and invites participation in the conference at the highest possible level;

13. *Decides* to transmit to the General Assembly for consideration at its sixty-eighth session the report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated

⁵ Ibid., annex, resolution 24/15.

implementation of the Habitat Agenda and the report of the twenty-fourth session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Council for consideration at its substantive session of 2014 a report on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda.
