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Note by the Secretary-General of the Conference

I. Introduction

1. Resourcing related to preparations for the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) comes from both the United Nations regular budget and extrabudgetary sources. The costs related to hosting the Conference will be borne by the host country.

II. Resources provided in the United Nations regular budget for the biennium 2014–2015

2. By its resolution 68/248 A, the General Assembly approved the resources proposed in the amount of \$3,136,700 for the preparatory process of Habitat III, including \$1,063,000 for conference servicing (under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management) and \$2,073,700 for non-recurrent resources (under section 15, human settlements) of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014–2015.

3. Resources have been approved for (a) the Habitat III secretariat, including general temporary assistance positions (1 D-2 (Deputy Secretary-General), 2 General Service in Nairobi and 1 General Service in New York); (b) ad hoc expert group meetings and consultancy to provide inputs to and support the preparatory process for Habitat III; (c) travel of staff to two sessions of the Preparatory Committee, to be held in New York and Nairobi in 2014 and 2015; and (d) the rental and maintenance of the premises and equipment and supplies for the Habitat III secretariat.

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III. Resources to be funded through extrabudgetary sources (Habitat III Trust Fund) for the period 2014–2016

4. By paragraph 13 of its resolution 67/216, the General Assembly decided to establish a trust fund for Habitat III. It urged international and bilateral donors as well as the private sector, financial institutions, foundations and other donors to support the preparations for the conference through voluntary contributions to the trust fund.
5. The Habitat III Trust Fund is operational and administered in conformity with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations, outlined in Secretary-General's Bulletin ST/SGB/2013/4, the general policies prescribed in Secretary-General's Bulletin ST/SGB/199 and the procedures defined in administrative instruction ST/AI/284.
6. In order to have a qualitative and efficient preparatory process, the extrabudgetary requirements have been estimated at approximately \$14 million, once the modalities, including the venue and the duration, of the third session of the Preparatory Committee for Habitat III have been defined.

IV. Habitat III appeal: how to support the preparatory process

7. Focusing on the areas outlined in the table and the figure below, Habitat III will result in a concise, focused, forward-looking and action-oriented outcome document.
8. The preliminary budget estimate required to support an innovative and inclusive preparatory process and Conference, through cash or in-kind contributions from member States or organizations, is estimated at \$14 million. Final budget details will be provided after the final decisions on the modalities and arrangements for the full preparatory process and the Conference have been made.
9. Contributions can be provided to support the planning and strategic work of the Habitat III secretariat or any of the four areas of work of the Habitat III preparatory process: knowledge, engagement, policy and operations.
10. Member States or organizations wishing to contribute to the planning of these four areas are invited to contact the Habitat III secretariat (habitat3secretariat@un.org).

Fundraising areas of the Habitat III Trust Fund

(Millions of United States dollars)

<i>Area</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Type of contribution</i>	<i>Amount estimated</i>
Knowledge	Preparations of national reports, regional reports and global report, as well as other research and data collection	Non-earmarked Earmarked Secondments (gratis personnel)	3.0
Engagement	Support for the participation, partnership, advocacy and outreach of the Conference	Non-earmarked	3.0
Policy	High-level regional or thematic meeting or policy units	Non-earmarked Earmarked Hosting of meetings	3.0
Operations	Travel of representatives of least developed countries, United Nations staff, innovation on managing the preparatory process	Non-earmarked Earmarked	5.0

