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**Activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme,
including coordination matters**

Draft resolution GC26/[]: Promoting safety in cities and human settlements

Submission by South Africa

The Governing Council,

Recalling its resolution 23/14 on Sustainable Urban Development through Safer Cities and the Prevention of Urban Crime and recognizing its implementation and the growing involvement of local authorities through the Global Network on Safer Cities,

Recalling also its resolution 24/6 on supporting action for the creation of safer cities, which emphasizes the importance of capacity-building and technical cooperation for the Safer Cities Programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) and calls on UN-Habitat to accelerate the effective implementation of the Safer Cities Programme to respond to the needs of countries in the face of increasing crime and violence in many cities,

Recalling further its resolution 25/4 on implementation of the strategic plan for 2014–2019,

Guided by General Assembly resolution 68/188, in which the General Assembly requests the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to provide substantive contributions to UN-Habitat with regard to efforts to complement the development of United Nations guidelines on safer cities, taking into consideration the Guidelines for Cooperation and Technical Assistance in the Field of Urban Crime Prevention¹ and the Guidelines for the Prevention of Crime,² and to regularly inform Member States of the progress made in that regard with a view to receiving comments,

Guided also by the commitment in the New Urban Agenda, in particular paragraph 103, and all the security challenges included therein, to integrate crime and violence prevention policies in developing urban strategies and interventions,

Expressing appreciation for the partnerships that the UN-Habitat Safer Cities Programme has fostered within the United Nations system with agencies including the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund and UN Women in integrating the safer cities approach into their programming, pursuant to their mandates,

Recognizing the continued challenges associated with generating adequate financial resources for the implementation of urban safety programmes and multi-sectoral and preventive approaches in cities and human settlements,

¹ Economic and Social Council resolution 1995/9, annex.

² Economic and Social Council resolution 2002/13, annex.

1. *Stresses* the need for UN-Habitat to promote improved urban planning, legislation and financing strategies in support of the implementation of the New Urban Agenda informed by, among other things, a coherent and integrated approach to the prevention of crime, violence and conflict in urban settings through the consolidation of knowledge and lessons learned through 20 years of work under the UN-Habitat Safer Cities Programme in over 70 cities worldwide;
2. *Encourages* all member States to support open data partnerships to strengthen evidence-based policy and practice on safer cities and to allow Governments to track progress towards achieving the safety-related commitments in the New Urban Agenda in relation to Sustainable Development Goals 5, 11, 16 and 17 in a more systematic manner;
3. *Calls upon* UN-Habitat within available resources and within its existing mandate to increase the visibility of available tools, methods and expertise through the Safer Cities Programme, which will provide monitoring tools to support Governments in the development of evidence-based policy and practice on safer cities, in line with the Sustainable Development Goals and the New Urban Agenda;
4. *Requests* the Executive Director to continue close consultations with the relevant agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system, to seek the views of member States on the current draft of the United Nations system-wide Guidelines on Safer Cities and to submit the guidelines for consideration by the Governing Council at its twenty-seventh session;
5. *Requests* the Executive Director to report on progress in the implementation of the present resolution to the Governing Council at its twenty-seventh session.