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Human Settlements Programme**

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**Draft resolution proposed by Brazil on**

**"Localization of the Sustainable Development Goals"**

The United Nations Habitat Assembly,

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, entitled "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development", and *reaffirming* our commitment to its full implementation as a plan of action for people, planet, prosperity, peace and partnership, stressing that no one and no place shall be left behind;

*Deeply concerned* about the cumulative effects of multiple and interlinked global crises on the efforts to realize the Sustainable Development Goals, exacerbating poverty, food insecurity and economic and social inequalities, with severe ramifications on job markets and access to decent work, thus causing a reversal of years of development progress, with disproportionate impact on those living in vulnerable situations,

*Noting*, in particular, the impacts on cities and human settlements and the risk posed to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 11, as highlighted by the UN Secretary-General's Report entitled "Progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals: Towards a Rescue Plan for People and Planet", including the rising number of slum population, the unequal access to public transport, the persistent challenges in municipal solid waste collection, the low proportion of urban areas dedicated to open public spaces and the slow progress in setting up financing mechanisms for local implementation of sustainable urban development;

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 74/4 of 15 October 2019, *reaffirming* the pledge to make the present decade one of action and delivery on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and *further reaffirming* our commitment to bolster local action to accelerate implementation by empowering and supporting cities, local authorities and communities, as well as recognizing their role in the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals;

*Guided by* the New Urban Agenda and its vision of cities for all, whereby present and future generations, without discrimination of any kind, are able to inhabit and produce just, safe, healthy, accessible, affordable, resilient and sustainable cities and human settlements, and *emphasizing* its contribution to the implementation and localization of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in an integrated manner;

*Mindful of* the central role played by cities and human settlements in the design, implementation, monitoring, evaluation and reporting of national sustainable development strategies, and *welcoming* the elaboration of voluntary subnational and local reviews as an essential tool to show progress and foster exchange on local implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals;

*Underlining* the role of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, as facilitator of the United Nations system-wide strategy for sustainable urban development and focal point on sustainable urbanization and human settlements, in promoting the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and of the urban dimension of the Sustainable Development Goals;

*Welcoming* decision 53/110 of the United Nations Statistical Commission, which endorsed the Global Urban Monitoring Framework and its further implementation as part of a harmonized global urban United Nations system-wide strategy, and requested for UN-Habitat to develop technical assistance programmes and instruments to build human settlements statistics capacities in Member States, with an emphasis on ascertaining consistency of data at the national, regional and city levels;

*Also welcoming* UN-Habitat's comprehensive approach to the localization of the Sustainable Development Goals, including the roll-out of the Global Urban Monitoring Framework, the normative and operational work to advance the voluntary subnational and local reviews, the flagship initiative "SDG Cities", the normative and knowledge work on multilevel governance, the engagement with local and regional governments and multi-stakeholder collaboration;

1. *Calls upon* Member States to promote the localization of the Sustainable Development Goals to accelerate action towards the fulfillment of the 2030 Agenda, by advancing local implementation, progress monitoring and reporting, including by enhancing national frameworks for the coherent and multi-sectoral implementation of its goals and targets; and by strengthening the inclusion and participation of local communities, particularly of those living in vulnerable situations, in decision-making, planning and reporting processes;

2. *Requests* the Executive Director to promote the localization of the 2030 Agenda by:

a. Developing normative guidance and practical tools on the different dimensions of the localization of the Sustainable Development Goals, such as monitoring, reporting, planning and financing;

b. Building capacity of local and regional governments, especially of smaller and intermediary cities, to report on the Sustainable Development Goals through voluntary local and subnational reviews, and to contribute to national reporting on the New Urban Agenda as an integral part of their implementation and reporting efforts on the 2030 Agenda;

c. Developing tools and capacity to improve national reporting on the urban dimension of the Sustainable Development Goals, including through the establishment of stronger linkages between voluntary national reviews and voluntary local reviews;

d. Strengthening engagement with and support to the work of local and regional governments and their associations, as well as other relevant stakeholders, through strategic partnerships with key local, national and international institutions;

e. Supporting national governments to strengthen multilevel governance to advance the Sustainable Development Goals through stronger policy coherence, cross-sectoral alignment, and multi-stakeholder participation;

f. Continuing efforts to mainstream the localization of the Sustainable Development Goals across the United Nations system, including through the Local2030 Coalition, the G20 platform on Intermediary Cities and SDG Localization, and other similar initiatives;

3. *Welcomes* UN-Habitat's ongoing initiatives and capacity-building activities to close data gaps and address reporting challenges on human settlements statistics as an essential tool to improve local implementation, monitoring and reporting on the urban dimension of the Sustainable Development Goals, and *requests* the Executive Director to:

- a. Scale-up the adoption and use of the Global Urban Monitoring Framework, as the United Nations reference framework to monitor urban development, to improve reporting on the New Urban Agenda and the localization of the 2030 Agenda;
  - b. Enhance capacity-building activities on human settlements statistics through urban monitoring guidance and tools, such as the national sample of cities approach, the earth observation toolkit for sustainable cities and human settlements, urban observatories and spatial analysis;
  - c. Enhance initiatives and build capacity towards improving spatial and socioeconomic data on deprived and vulnerable urban and peri-urban areas, including slums, and scale-up the analysis and production of accurate maps of these areas;
4. *Calls upon* international financing institutions, multilateral development banks and private sector entities to support localization of the Sustainable Development Goals by increasing the financing available to local and regional governments to undertake projects that advance the implementation of the 2030 Agenda;
  5. *Encourages* Member States to support the mobilization of human and financial resources through voluntary contributions to strengthen UN-Habitat's work on the localization of the Sustainable Development Goals;
  6. *Requests* the Executive Director to provide regular reports on the progress of the implementation of this resolution to the Executive Board.