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**ANNEX 1: GOVERNING COUNCIL OF UN-HABITAT GC Resolutions 23/1 of 2011, 24/4 of 2013, 26/8 of 2017 and ASSEMBLY OF UN -HABITAT Resolution 1/4 of 2019**

- **RESOLUTION 23/1: GENDER EQUALITY AND EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN IN SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

*Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme Twenty-third session Nairobi, 11–15 April 2011*

*The Governing Council,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 17/11 of 14 May 1999 on women in human settlements development and in the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), 19/16 of 9 May 2003 on women's role and rights in human settlements development and slum upgrading, 20/7 of 8 April 2005 on gender equality in human settlements development, 21/2 of 20 April 2007 on the medium-term strategic and institutional plan for 2008–2013, 21/9 of 20 April 2007 on women's land and property rights and access to finance, and 22/7 of 3 April 2009 on the work programme and budget of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for the biennium 2010–2011,

*Recalling* also Economic and Social Council resolution 2008/34, by which the Economic and Social Council encouraged all United Nations entities to allocate adequate resources for gender mainstreaming, including for mandatory training on gender mainstreaming, especially gender analysis, for all staff,

*Recognizing* that persistent gender inequality, women's lack of empowerment and inequitable access to land, secure tenure, housing, infrastructure and basic services, in addition to their lack of participation in decision-making, create further challenges within the context of sustainable urban development,

*Recognizing also* the major development contributions made by grass-roots women worldwide, and that successful urbanization and development processes require grass-roots women's involvement and leadership, which should be supported so as to have a positive impact on sustainable urban development,

*Welcoming* General Assembly resolution 64/289 of 2 July 2010 establishing the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, which aims to lead to more effective coordination, coherence and gender mainstreaming across the United Nations system,

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*Taking note of the challenges and progress made in the implementation of the gender equality action plan 2008–2013 described in the report of the Executive Director,<sup>1</sup>*

1. *Requests* the Executive Director to strengthen the Gender Mainstreaming Unit and with the Unit, to manage a unified system of gender focal points and a gender task force effective throughout the United Nations Human Settlements Programme;
2. *Encourages* the Executive Director to continue strengthening staff capacity and competency in gender mainstreaming, including in the regional offices;
3. *Encourages* the United Nations Human Settlements Programme to incorporate fully a gender perspective into all its work;
4. *Requests* the Executive Director to encourage the establishment of a consultative mechanism with the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, the gender units of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction, and other relevant agencies with a focus on human settlements, to promote coherence, coordination and alignment within the United Nations system, and, in particular, to involve grass-roots women and community-based organizations, to inform these consultations;
5. *Also requests* the Executive Director to set up an advisory group on gender issues consisting of representatives of women's organizations (both grass-roots and professional organizations), academic institutions, the private sector, local authorities, and policymakers and decision makers in Governments, taking into account equal regional representation, to advise the Executive Director on all issues related to gender mainstreaming in the work of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and to provide oversight regarding the implementation of the gender equality action plan within the existing programme of work and budget;
6. *Requests* the Executive Director to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution to the Governing Council at its twenty-fourth and future sessions.

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• **RESOLUTION 24/4: GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT TO CONTRIBUTE TO SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT**  
***Decision and resolutions adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme at its twenty-fourth session, Nairobi, April 19, 2013***

*The Governing Council,*

*Recalling* the strategic plan for 2014–2019 and the work programme and budget for 2014–2015, both of which have a clear mandate to strengthen the systematic integration of a gender perspective in all the work of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme,

*Recalling* its resolutions 17/11 of 14 May 1999 on women in human settlements development and in the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), 19/16 of 9 May 2003 on women's role and rights in human settlements development and slum upgrading, 20/7

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<sup>1</sup>HSP/GC/23/5/Add.7.

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of 8 April 2005 on gender equality in human settlements development, 21/2 of 20 April 2007 on the medium-term strategic and institutional plan for 2008–2013, 21/9 of 20 April 2007 on women’s land and property rights and access to finance, and 22/7 of 3 April 2009 on the work programme and budget of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for the biennium 2010–2011,

*Reaffirming* its commitment to resolution 23/1 of 15 April 2011, emphasizing the need for the United Nations Human Settlements Programme systematically to integrate a gender perspective in all its work, including through the establishment of the Advisory-Group on Gender Issues, in order to achieve the effective and efficient implementation of gender mainstreaming,

*Reaffirming* its commitment to resolution 2012/24 of the United Nations Economic and Social Council of 27 July 2012, on mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes of the United Nations system, by which the Council requested the United Nations system to continue working collaboratively to enhance gender mainstreaming within the United Nations system, including by continuing to align gender equality programming with national priorities; ensuring that entities within the United Nations system dedicated adequate financial and human resources to gender equality programming at the country level; strengthening the coordination of gender-responsive operational activities; enhancing the use of accountability mechanisms, including at the country level; securing technical expertise for gender equality in programme planning and implementation and providing ongoing capacity development in the area; and promoting the systematic use and analysis of data disaggregated by sex and age in the programming work as well as in measuring progress and impact,

*Recognizing* that persistent gender-related inequalities and women’s lack of empowerment in human settlements, as evidenced by their inequitable access to land, property rights and other economic and financial assets, secure tenure, decent housing, essential infrastructure and basic services, and further aggravated by the vulnerability and lack of safety and security of women and girls in urban spaces and their unequal participation in urban governance, create challenges to achieving sustainable urban development,

*Commending* the United Nations Human Settlements Programme on its work in implementing gender equality and women’s empowerment in its policies, programmes and projects, noting that, as stated in several documents, including the comprehensive 2011 evaluation of gender mainstreaming in the United Nations Human Settlements Programme,<sup>6</sup> much remains to be done, *Reaffirming* the importance of cooperation between the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women on gender-equality work and on promoting gender-responsive sustainable urban development,

*Acknowledging* that, in view of the urgent need to eliminate violence against women in private and public urban spaces, women’s gained citizenship rights require women’s leadership and involvement in urban governance and in urban planning, including for the design of public urban spaces, investments in public infrastructure and improvements of security and justice for the safety of communities and of women and girls, and their active participation in important international forums, such as the just concluded session of the Commission on the Status of Women, at which three key side events were held on the theme “Elimination and prevention of violence against women and girls”,

1. *Requests* the Executive Director to strengthen and support the United Nations Human Settlements Programme in executing the two-fold gender strategy comprising, first, the mainstreaming of gender equality and women’s empowerment in the normative work and

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operational programmes of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme in all key focus areas; and second, the setting up of policies and programmes needed to achieve gender equality and women’s empowerment;

2. *Urges* the Executive Director to form partnerships with civil society organizations, including networks of women’s leaders in local governments, the private sector, the media, grass-roots women’s and community-based organizations, non-governmental organizations and experts, building on their leadership in and knowledge of sustainable and gender-responsive urban development;

3. *Requests* the Executive Director to make optimal use of the Advisory Group on Gender Issues by building on its guidance regarding the overall mainstreaming of gender within the organization and effective integration of gender equality policies and programmes when implementing the strategic plan and programme of work;

4. *Urges* the Executive Director to align the gender policy and plan of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme with the system-wide action plan on gender equality and women’s empowerment;

5. *Invites* national and local governments to develop and strengthen their policies and programmes to effectively support and to collect data disaggregated by sex and age and disseminate information on women’s increased representation in local government and women’s economic contributions to cities’ prosperity; and to address the causes, consequences and impacts of and eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls<sup>7</sup> through prevention measures, with specific attention to women’s and girls’ safety in private and public spaces, as defined in the Safer Cities Programme and promoted by the Global Network on Safer Cities;

6. *Requests* the Executive Director to allocate adequate resources for gender mainstreaming within the organization’s programmes and activities.

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• **26/8. PROMOTING THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION, FOLLOW-UP TO AND REVIEW OF THE NEW URBAN AGENDA**

***Decision and resolutions adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme at its twenty-sixth session Nairobi, May 8-12 - 2017***

*The Governing Council,*

*Welcoming* the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III), entitled “New Urban Agenda,” adopted by Heads of State and Government, ministers and high representatives at Habitat III, held in Quito from 17 to 20 October 2016, the adoption of which the United Nations General Assembly welcomed in its resolution 71/235 of 21 December 2016 and endorsed in its resolution 71/256 of 23 December 2016,

*Recognizing* the New Urban Agenda as reaffirming a global commitment to sustainable urban development as a critical step in realizing sustainable development, in an integrated and coordinated manner at the global, regional, national, subnational and local levels, with the participation of all relevant actors, .....

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*Reaffirming* Governing Council resolution 23/1 of 15 April 2011 and resolution 24/4 of 19 April 2013, that support the implementation of gender mainstreaming in the normative and operational work of UN-Habitat, as well as the need for the gender responsive approaches recognized in the New Urban Agenda,

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**13.** *Also requests* the Executive Director to allocate funds, within available resources and within the existing mandate of UN-Habitat, to support prior and continuing commitments to the effective and efficient implementation of gender mainstreaming to achieve gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls using existing structures, such as the Advisory Group on Gender Issues, women’s networks and other related organizations, and calls upon Member States to include the participation of girls and women of all ages in local, national and international structures in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda; .....

- **RESOLUTION 1/4. ACHIEVING GENDER EQUALITY THROUGH THE WORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN SETTLEMENTS PROGRAMME TO SUPPORT INCLUSIVE, SAFE, RESILIENT AND SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS**

***Resolution adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly on May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019***

*The United Nations Habitat Assembly,*

*Reaffirming* that discrimination on the basis of sex is contrary to the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,<sup>1</sup> the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,<sup>2</sup> and the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action<sup>3</sup> and the outcome of their review conferences,

*Recalling* the revised strategic plan for the period 2014–2019<sup>4</sup> and the work programme and budget for the biennium 2018–2019<sup>5</sup> of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), both of which contain clear mandates to strengthen the integration of gender perspectives into all its work,

*Recalling* also all relevant resolutions adopted by the United Nations Commission on Human Settlements, *Reaffirming* its commitment to the implementation of resolution 2012/24 of the Economic and Social Council on mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system,

*Recognizing* that persistent gender-related inequality, marginalization and systematic discrimination against women in human settlements, as evidenced by their unequal access to, inter alia, land, property, other economic and financial assets, secure tenure, decent housing, transport and mobility, essential infrastructure, political participation, high-quality education, health care and buildings resilient to climate and disaster risks, hamper their full enjoyment of human rights and are an impediment to achieving the goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development<sup>6</sup> and the New Urban Agenda,<sup>7</sup>

*Acknowledging* that, in view of the urgent need to eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls in private and public urban spaces, there is a need to create an enabling environment through sound public policies, effective urban planning, including the design of inclusive public urban spaces, investment in public infrastructure and affirmative action,



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*Taking note* of the work undertaken by UN-Habitat to implement gender equality and empower women in its policies, programmes and projects, and encouraging UN-Habitat to accelerate those efforts,

*Reaffirming* the importance of cooperation between UN-Habitat, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) and other United Nations entities on gender equality work, promoting sustainable urban development and addressing differentiated needs, notably of women and girl

1. *Requests* the Executive Director of UN-Habitat, with the support of Member States, to strengthen and support UN-Habitat in executing a twofold gender strategy in the following areas: (a) mainstreaming gender equality and women's empowerment in the normative work and operational programmes of UN-Habitat in all key focus areas; and (b) setting up policies and programmes to support efforts to achieve gender equality and women's empowerment within the scope of existing resources;
2. *Also requests* the Executive Director to utilize available resources for gender mainstreaming within the programmes and activities of UN-Habitat, as included in its strategic plan for the period 2020–2023; 8
3. *Encourages* the Executive Director to engage and work meaningfully with other United Nations entities and with civil-society organizations, including women leaders in local authorities, the private sector, the media and grassroots women's and community-based organizations and non-governmental organizations as well as experts, building on their leadership in and knowledge of sustainable development while observing gender equality and addressing differentiated needs, notably of women and girls, in order to improve the efficiency and impact of programmes and activities;
4. *Urges* the Executive Director to support and make optimal use of the Advisory Group on Gender Issues as well as other relevant networks to facilitate the mainstreaming of gender within UN-Habitat and the effective integration of the gender equality perspective into its policies and programmes aimed at implementing its strategic plan and programme of work, and in targeting improved gender parity in the Programme;
5. *Recommends* that the Executive Director allocate adequate resources for the development and implementation of an updated version for the period 2020–2023 of the revised policy and plan for gender equality and the empowerment of women in urban development and human settlements, as a complement to the strategic plan for the same period, within the scope of existing resources, and secure additional voluntary resources wherever possible;
6. *Requests* the Executive Director, through the Executive Board, to submit a report to the United Nations Habitat Assembly at its second session on the implementation of the present resolution.