

B. Resolutions

26/1. United Nations Human Settlements Programme governance reform and extension of the mandate of the working group on programme and budget

The Governing Council,

Recalling Governing Council resolution 25/7 of 23 April 2015 on the United Nations Human Settlements Programme governance reform,

Welcoming with appreciation the work of the working group on programme and budget and its report thereon to the Governing Council at its twenty-sixth session,

Recognizing the need for the continued strengthening of the governance of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and for greater oversight of the implementation of its work programme and budget,

Taking note of General Assembly resolution 71/256 of 23 December 2016, entitled "New Urban Agenda", by which the Assembly endorsed the New Urban Agenda, in which Heads of State and Government, ministers and high representatives requested the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly during its seventy-first session an evidence-based and independent assessment of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme containing recommendations to enhance its effectiveness, efficiency, accountability and oversight for the consideration of Member States,

Having reviewed the contribution of the working group to the improved oversight of the Programme by its governing bodies,

1. *Decides* to extend the mandate of the working group on programme and budget established by the Committee of Permanent Representatives in pursuance of Governing Council resolution 25/7 in order to continue to strengthen the oversight role of the Governing Council and the Committee of Permanent Representatives during intersessional periods;
2. *Requests* the Executive Director to implement the recommendations and guidance provided by the working group in a timely manner and report back regularly to the working group and the Committee on their implementation;
3. *Encourages* member States to participate in the meetings, briefings and deliberations of the working group;
4. *Decides* to review the implementation of the present resolution and resolution 25/7 at the twenty-seventh session of the Governing Council, at which time a decision on the continuation of the activities of the working group shall be taken.