

Resolution 22/5 Governance of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme

The Governing Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 56/206 of 21 December 2001, which transformed the Commission on Human Settlements and its secretariat, the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), including the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation, into the United Nations Human Settlements Programme,

Recalling also its resolution 21/2 of 20 April 2007 on the medium-term strategic and institutional plan for 2008-2013, which called upon the Executive Director to consult the Committee of Permanent Representatives on the need to review the efficiency and effectiveness of the governance structure of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme,

Taking note of the note by the Executive Director on the efficiency and effectiveness of the governance structure of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme,¹

1. *Requests* the Executive Director and the Committee of Permanent Representatives to undertake jointly, within the work programme and budget, an examination of the governance of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme with a view to identifying and implementing ways to improve the transparency, accountability, efficiency and effectiveness of the functioning of the existing governance structure and to identify options for any other potential relevant changes for consideration by the Governing Council at its twenty-third session;

2. *Requests* the Executive Director to begin work as soon as possible on the terms of reference for the above-mentioned exercise, which are to be developed in close cooperation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives and submitted for its endorsement.

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