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Strategic plan of the United Nations Human
Settlements Programme for the period
2020–2025

**Draft resolution 1/[]: [Leaving no one and no place behind:]
strategic plan for the period 2020–2025 [of [the] United Nations
Human Settlements Programme]**

**[ALT: Strategic plan for the period 2020–2025 of [the] United Nations
Human Settlements Programme: leaving no one and no place behind]**

**[ALT 2: United Nations Human Settlements Programme strategic plan for
the period 2020–2025]**

The following draft resolution has been prepared and negotiated by the Committee of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Human Settlements Programme through its Subcommittee on Policy and Programme of Work as mandated by the Committee during its 72nd regular meeting, held on 10 April 2019. The negotiations by the Subcommittee took place between 11 April and 17 May 2019. The draft resolution is presented to the Assembly at its first session for further consideration.

The UN-Habitat Assembly,

Recalling the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly on the implementation of the outcomes of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat I), the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III), and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 70/1 of 21 October 2015, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, in particular Goal 11 and the urban dimension of the Sustainable Development Goals, and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, the Paris Agreement under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 71/256 of 23 December 2016, entitled “New Urban Agenda”, in which the Assembly endorsed the New Urban Agenda, adopted by the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III), held in Quito from 17 to 20 October 2016,

Recognizing the pledge set out in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development that no one will be left behind, and reaffirming the recognition therein that the dignity of the human person is fundamental and the wish expressed therein to see the Goals and their targets met for all nations and

peoples and for all segments of society, and recommitting to endeavour to reach the furthest behind first,

Emphasizing the role and expertise of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, given its role within the United Nations system as the focal point on sustainable urbanization and human settlements, including in the implementation, follow-up to and review of the New Urban Agenda, in collaboration with other United Nations system entities,

Emphasizing also that the implementation of the New Urban Agenda contributes to the implementation and localization of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in an integrated and coordinated manner at the global, regional, national, subnational and local levels, with the participation of all relevant stakeholders,

Recognizing that over the years the responsibilities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme have changed considerably in their scope and complexity,

Recalling the strategic importance of the reform of the governance structure of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, introduced pursuant to General Assembly resolution 73/239 of 20 December 2018, as well as the effort undertaken by the Executive Director to make the necessary administrative reforms to improve the accountability, transparency and efficiency of the Programme,

Taking note of the progress made to date in the implementation of the strategic plan for 2014–2019, as presented in the annual progress report 2018, entitled *Working for a Better Urban Future*,

[*Recalling* Governing Council resolution 26/3 of 12 May 2017, in which the Council requested the Executive Director to consult and work closely with the Committee of Permanent Representatives during the preparation of a results-oriented six-year strategic plan for 2020–2025 [and present it to the Governing Council at its twenty-seventh session,] [[replaced] [whose mandate is to be exercised] by the UN-Habitat Assembly in the new governance structure]],

Welcoming the participatory approach used [for the development of] the strategic plan, through which Member States, [local authorities,] the United Nations system [, citizens] and [other stakeholders] were engaged,

[*Alt Welcoming* the participatory approach used in formulating the strategic plan, with the engagement of Member States and the United Nations system, and the consultative process undertaken with local authorities and other stakeholders,]

Having considered the draft strategic plan for the period 2020–2025 of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and the recommendations set forth in the report of the Committee of Permanent Representatives,¹

1. *Approves* the strategic plan for the period 2020–2025, including its new vision and mission statements and its four mutually reinforcing domains of change, namely:

- (a) Reduced spatial inequality and poverty in communities across the urban-rural continuum;
- (b) Enhanced shared prosperity of cities and regions;
- (c) Strengthened climate action and improved urban environment;
- (d) Effective urban crisis prevention and response;

2. [*Emphasizes* the importance of developing a knowledge-based approach to urban and territorial development, including the production and dissemination of urban indicators, data platforms, territorial modelling and assessment tools, and methodologies for monitoring the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals at the local level, and requests the Executive Director to implement that approach, including collaboration with relevant actors and institutions];

3. [*Requests*][*Recommends*] that the Executive Director:

- (a) Submit for approval to the Executive Board, at its next session, a results framework with concise performance indicators [and corresponding collection of data for evaluation against the indicators], an impact communication strategy, a partnerships strategy, a typology of human settlement demands, an accountability framework [and monitoring and evaluation mechanisms to assess the

¹ HSP/HA/1/3.

implementation of the framework], a resource mobilization strategy[, all needed] to support the implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2025;

(b) Report annually to Member States [through the Executive Board] on progress achieved in the implementation of the strategic plan and the activities set out in the work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme;

(c) Continue strengthening the implementation of results-based management in all the programmes, projects, policies and activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and develop, in consultation with the Executive Board, a results-based management policy;

(d) Continue strengthening processes and systems, as well as the organizational structure to effectively support the implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2025, and the mandates of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme;

[(e) Ensure that reporting on funding is transparent and easily accessible by Member States;]

[(f) Continue to ensure that trust funds and earmarked contributions to the United Nations Human Settlements Programme are used to fund activities that are in line with the strategic plan;]

4. *Stresses* the need to ensure adequate funding of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, and invites Member States to provide additional core, multi-year, predictable, stable and sustainable voluntary contributions to the Programme;

5. *Urges* all Member States making earmarked financial contributions for the operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme to ensure that such resources are fully aligned with the strategic plan and are in accordance with the priorities of the Member States benefiting from those contributions;

6. *Recognizes* the need to align the duration of the strategic plan to the schedule of meetings of the UN-Habitat Assembly;

7. *Requests* the Executive Director to report to the UN-Habitat Assembly at its second session on the implementation of the present resolution.