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## Draft resolution 1/1: United Nations Human Settlements Programme strategic plan for the period 2020–2023

*The UN-Habitat Assembly,*

*Recalling* the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly on the implementation of the outcomes of the United Nations Conferences on Human Settlements (Habitat I and Habitat II), held respectively in Vancouver, Canada, from 31 May to 11 June 1976, and in Istanbul from 3 to 14 June 1996, and of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III), held in Quito from 17 to 20 October 2016, and on 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 Sustainable Development Goal 11 and the urban dimension of the Goals, and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development,<sup>1</sup> the Paris Agreement under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change<sup>2</sup> and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030,<sup>3</sup>

*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 at Habitat III,

*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 Sustainable Development Goals and their targets met for all nations and peoples and for all segments of society, and renewing its commitment to endeavouring 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, subregional, national and local levels, with the participation of all relevant stakeholders,

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<sup>1</sup> General Assembly resolution 69/313, annex.

<sup>2</sup> See FCCC/CP/2015/10/Add.1, decision 1/CP.21, annex.

<sup>3</sup> General Assembly resolution 69/283, annex II.

*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 of the Programme 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 the period 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,

*Recognizing* the importance of aligning the cycle of the strategic plan with the four-year cycle of the UN-Habitat Assembly,

*Welcoming* the participatory approach used for the development of the strategic plan,

*Having considered* the draft strategic plan of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for the period 2020–2023 and the recommendations set forth in the report of the Committee of Permanent Representatives,<sup>4</sup>

1. *Approves* the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023, in particular 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 of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme to implement that approach, including collaboration with relevant actors and institutions;

3. *Requests* the Executive Director to:

(a) Submit for approval to the Executive Board, at its first resumed session, a results framework with concise performance indicators and a method for the 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 for assessing the implementation of the framework; a resource mobilization strategy; and a financial plan, all needed to support the implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023;

(b) Report annually to Member States through the Executive Board, and to the UN-Habitat Assembly, in the years it is in session, 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 2020–2023 and the mandates of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, and report regularly to the Executive Board on progress;

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<sup>4</sup> HSP/HA/1/3.

- (e) Ensure that reporting on funding is transparent and easily accessible by Member States;
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, and requests the Executive Director to ensure that all earmarked contributions are fully aligned with the strategic plan;
6. *Recognizes* the need to align the duration of the strategic plan with 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.
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