

Sixty-ninth session**Second Committee**

Agenda item 20

Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)**Final text of 1 December 2014****Bolivia (Plurinational State of):* draft resolution****Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)***The General Assembly,*

PP1 Recalling the outcomes of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements¹ which took place in Vancouver, Canada in 1976 and of the second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II),² which was held in Istanbul, Turkey in 1996, **[agreed ad ref.]**

PP2 Recalling also relevant resolutions of the General Assembly on the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), including its resolutions 64/207 of 21 December 2009, 65/165 of 20 December 2010, 66/207 of 22 December 2011, 67/216 of 21 December 2012 and 68/239 of 27 December 2013, which addressed the convening in 2016 of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III), **[agreed ad ref.]**

PP3 Recalling further relevant decisions and resolutions of the Economic and Social Council on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda, including Economic and Social Council resolution 2014/30 of 25 July 2014 on human settlements, adopted by the Council at its substantive session of 2014, **[agreed ad ref.]**

PP5 Reaffirming the outcome document, entitled “The future we want”, of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012,³ in particular paragraphs 134 to 137 on sustainable cities and human settlements, in which, inter alia, it is recognized that cities are engines of economic growth which, if well planned and developed, including through integrated planning and management approaches, can promote economically, socially and environmentally sustainable societies, **[agreed ad ref.]**

PP5bis Recalling further its resolution 68/309 of 10 September 2014, in which it welcomed the report of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals, and decided that the

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¹ See *Report of Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements, Vancouver, 31 May-11 June 1976* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.7 and corrigendum).

² See *Report of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), Istanbul, 3-14 June 1996* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.97.IV.6).

³ Resolution 66/288, annex.

proposal of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals contained in the report shall be the main basis for integrating sustainable development goals into the post-2015 development agenda, while recognizing that other inputs will also be considered, in the intergovernmental negotiation process at the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly, **[agreed ad ref.]**

PP6alt alt Taking note of the fact that, while significant progress has been made in implementing the Istanbul Declaration on Human Settlements⁴ and the Habitat Agenda,⁵ since urbanization has brought growth and development, including a dramatic reduction in poverty; national economic growth; major progress in human settlements connectivity, which helps boost productivity and creation of opportunities; the merging of cities and towns into new regional spatial configurations that are conducive to faster economic and demographic growth; and a higher degree of interdependence between rural and urban areas that has helped reduce the vulnerability of rural communities and enhance the prospects of more equitable development, challenges remain, such as urban sprawl, congestion, pollution, emission of greenhouse gases, emerging urban poverty, segregation, increasing inequalities and other negative externalities, as well as the continuing increase in the number of slum dwellers in the world, the negative impact of environmental degradation, including climate change, desertification and loss of biodiversity, on human settlements and the need to reduce disaster risks and build resilience to disasters in urban settlements, **[agreed ad ref.]**

PP7 Reiterating its support for the World Urban Forum and recognizing that it is the foremost global arena for interaction among policymakers, local government leaders, non-governmental stakeholders and expert practitioners in the field of human settlements, and expressing its appreciation to the Government of Colombia and the city of Medellín for hosting the seventh session of the Forum from 5 to 11 April 2014, **[agreed ad ref.]**

PP9 Recalling also the commitment of Member States and the efforts of other stakeholders to promote an integrated approach to planning and building sustainable cities and urban settlements, **[agreed ad ref.]**

PP10 Emphasizing the importance of the wide participation of all relevant stakeholders, including local authorities, in the promotion of sustainable urbanization and settlements, **[agreed ad ref.]**

NEW PP11 Recalling its resolution 67/148 of 20 December 2012, in which it called upon the United Nations system, including the funds, programmes and specialized agencies, to increase efforts to fully mainstream a gender perspective into all issues under their consideration and within their mandates, as well as all United Nations summits, conferences and special sessions and their follow-up processes, **[agreed ad ref.]**

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda⁶ and the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the outcome

⁴ Report of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), Istanbul, 3-14 June 1996 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.97.IV.6), chap. I, resolution 1, annex I.

⁵ Ibid., annex II.

⁶ See [A/68/328](#).

of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat);⁷ **[agreed ad ref.]**

2. *Also takes note* of the report of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) on its first session, and endorses its recommendation that the second session of the Preparatory Committee be held from 14 to 16 April 2015; **[agreed ad ref.]**

OP2bis *Emphasizes* the importance of ensuring consistency and coherence in the deliberations of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, the Governing Council of UN-Habitat and the preparatory committee for Habitat III in their respective considerations on the work of UN-Habitat and the preparations for Habitat III, within their respective mandates; **[agreed ad ref.]**

4. *Continues to encourage* giving due consideration to sustainable urbanization in the elaboration of the post-2015 development agenda; **[agreed ad ref.]**

OP5alt *Notes* the conclusion of the Secretary-General's Climate Summit, and welcomes its contribution to existing political momentum with a view to galvanizing action to address climate change; **[agreed ad ref.]**

OP5bis *Reiterates* its encouragement to Member States, UN-Habitat and all relevant stakeholders to take appropriate measures to implement UN-Habitat Governing Council resolution 24/4 and requests the Executive Director to strengthen the mainstreaming of gender equality and women's empowerment in UN-Habitat normative and operational work; **[agreed ad ref.]**

OP6alt *Welcomes* the offer by the Government of Ecuador to host the Conference, and decides that the Conference will be held in Quito during the week of 17 October 2016; **[agreed ad ref.]**

OP7 *Recalls* its decisions in resolution 67/216 on the objective and results of the Conference, while remaining mindful of the need to carry out the Conference and preparatory process in the most inclusive, efficient, effective and improved manner for a successful conference, and *decides* that: **[agreed ad ref.]**

(a) the Conference shall be composed of eight plenary meetings, on the basis of two meetings a day, and six high-level round-table sessions to be held concurrently with the plenary meetings, except during the opening and closing plenary meetings; **[agreed ad ref.]**

(b) parallel meetings and other events, including multi-stakeholder segments, will be held during the same hours as the plenary meetings and the round tables, the multi-stakeholder segments will constitute an official part of the Conference, and interpretation for such meetings will be provided on an as-available basis; **[agreed ad ref.]**

(c) special events, including briefings, seminars, workshops and panel discussions on issues related to housing and sustainable urban development, will be organized by Member States,

⁷ A/68/332.

organizations of the United Nations system and accredited institutional and non-institutional stakeholders for the benefit of the participants in the Conference; **[agreed ad ref.]**

(d) the third session of the Preparatory Committee will be held in **Indonesia** during the month of July of 2016, and shall consist of six plenary meetings on the basis of two meetings a day; **[agreed ad ref.]**

OP9 *Emphasizes* the need for effective coordination between the preparatory process for the Conference and the preparations for the summit to be held in September 2015 for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda, in order to promote coherence and to minimize duplication of effort; **[agreed ad ref.]**

OP10Alt Encourages Member States to participate at the highest possible level in the Conference, **[agreed ad ref.]**

OP10bis Encourages Members States to participate in the Preparatory Committee and to continue giving due consideration at all levels to the “New Urban Agenda” and commit to defining it, together with all relevant stakeholders; **[agreed ad ref.]**

OP13alt *Encourages* Member States, international and bilateral donors as well as the private sector, financial institutions and foundations and other donors in a position to do so, to continue to support the national, regional and global preparations for Habitat III through voluntary contributions to the Habitat III trust fund and to support the participation of representatives of developing countries in the forthcoming Preparatory Committee meetings and in the conference itself in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 13(c) of resolution 67/216, and *invites* voluntary contributions to support the participation of Habitat Agenda partners and other relevant stakeholders in the Preparatory Committee meetings; **[agreed ad ref.]**

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the Conference to continue to mobilize the expertise of the United Nations system as a whole, including the regional commissions, and of other relevant international, regional and subregional organizations for the Habitat III preparatory process; **[agreed ad ref.]**

OP16alt *Calls upon* Member States to ensure the effective participation in the preparatory process and the Conference itself of local Governments and all other stakeholders, including *inter alia* those in the national HABITAT Committees as appropriate in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 10. of resolution 68/239, and, *inter alia*, to expedite the preparations of Habitat III national reports; **[agreed ad ref.]**

OP16bis *Invites* Member States to facilitate participatory processes and wide stakeholder participation, including local authorities and their associations, when developing, revising and implementing national urban policies, where appropriate, in particular through national urban forums also as a means for the preparation of Habitat III; **[agreed ad ref.]**

OP16ter *Encourages* stakeholders gathering at the World Urban Forums, as well as at the regular ministerial conferences on housing and urban development and other relevant expert group meetings, to provide inputs and to contribute as appropriate to the process leading to the conference; **[agreed ad ref.]**

OP16quat *Invites* the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee to prepare the draft outcome document of the Conference based on inputs from broad regional and thematic consultations among all stakeholders and circulate it no later than six months prior to the Conference in 2016; **[agreed ad ref.]**

17. *Also calls upon* Member States to continue to include in their planned regional meetings, such as the regular sessions of regional ministerial conferences on housing and urban development, as well as of other relevant regional intergovernmental meetings, discussions on Habitat III, so as to facilitate the provision of regional inputs to the preparatory process for the Conference; **[agreed ad ref.]**

18. *Decides* that the major groups and the non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council as well as those accredited to HABITAT II and the post-2015 Summit shall register in order to participate; **[agreed ad ref.]**

19. *Also decides* that non-governmental organizations not in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council wishing to attend and contribute to the Conference, and whose work is relevant to the subject of the Conference, may participate as observers in the Conference as well as in the preparatory meetings, in accordance with the provisions contained in part VII of Council resolution 1996/31 of 25 July 1996, and subject to the approval of the Preparatory Committee in plenary meeting, and that, while respecting fully the provisions contained in rule 57 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council, such a decision should be made by consensus; **[agreed ad ref.]**

20. *Notes with appreciation*, as reported by the Secretary-General in his report submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 68/239,⁸ that the discussions among stakeholders gathered at the seventh session of the World Urban Forum provided, inter alia, an important contribution to Habitat III and that in those discussions it was recognized that Habitat III was a unique opportunity to develop a new urban agenda that could contribute to harnessing urbanization as a positive force for present and future generations and to advancing the quest for equity and shared prosperity; **[agreed ad ref.]**

21. *Takes note* of the Medellín declaration, adopted at the seventh session of the World Urban Forum, in which Governments, the private sector, international organizations, academia, professionals, civil society and other social actors reaffirmed the importance of cities in sustainable development; **[agreed ad ref.]**

23. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations to continue to provide, in the most efficient and cost-effective manner, all appropriate support to the Secretary-General of the Conference and to the work of the preparatory process and the Conference, while promoting inter-agency support to the maximum possible extent; **[agreed ad ref.]**

preOP24 *Recalls* the seven priorities and four crosscutting issues contained in the strategic plan for the period 2014-2019 approved by the Governing Council of UN Habitat at its 24th session that it welcomed at its sixty-eighth session; **[agreed ad ref.]**

⁸ A/69/298.

OP24 alt *Invites* Member States, the international and bilateral donors and financial institutions to contribute generously to UN-Habitat through increased voluntary financial contributions to the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation, including the Urban Basic Services Trust Fund and the technical cooperation trust funds, and invites Governments in a position to do so and other stakeholders to provide predictable multi-year funding and increased non-earmarked contributions to support the implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2014–2019; **[agreed ad ref.]**

25. *Emphasizes* the importance of the Nairobi headquarters location of UN-Habitat, and requests the Secretary-General to keep the resource needs of UN-Habitat and the United Nations Office at Nairobi under review so as to permit the delivery, in an effective manner, of necessary services to UN-Habitat and other United Nations organs and organizations in Nairobi; **[agreed ad ref.]**

26. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep the resource needs of UN-Habitat under review so as to continue efforts to improve its efficiency, effectiveness, transparency and accountability in supporting the implementation of its mandate; **[agreed ad ref.]**

OP26bis *Takes note* of the governance review process of UN-Habitat, *encourages* the Committee of Permanent Representatives and the Governing Council to continue its consideration of proposals, including recommendations and options for reform, with a view to reaching a consensus on how to proceed with the governance review at the 25th session of the Governing Council, and *shall consider* the Governing Council's report on this as well as other issues at its seventieth session; **[agreed ad ref.]**

27. *Recognizes* that, over the years, the responsibilities of UN-Habitat have changed considerably in their scope and complexity and that the requirement to provide substantive and technical support to developing countries has changed in areas related to sustainable cities and human settlements, as reflected in its strategic plan for 2014-2019; **[agreed ad ref.]**

29. *Reiterates its invitation* to Member States and Habitat Agenda partners to formulate and implement sustainable urban development policies that promote just, resilient and inclusive cities, considering the contributions of all relevant stakeholders, and with a particular focus on the needs of women and those who are most vulnerable, including children and youth, older persons, persons living with disability, rural to urban migrants, internally displaced people and indigenous peoples; **[agreed ad ref.]**

OP30alt *Takes note* with appreciation of the first ever integration segment of the Economic and Social Council on sustainable urbanization, held from 27 to 29 May 2014, and its focus on the role of sustainable urbanization as a transformative force for achieving and advancing sustainable development through an integrated approach that engages all key stakeholders, including local authorities, in order to produce innovative solutions to foster economic, environmental and social sustainability; **[agreed ad ref.]**

OP31alt *Invites* Member States to take into account the interlinkages among the social, economic and environmental dimensions of sustainable urbanization and human settlements in the formulation of policies, plans and programmes at the local, national and international levels, in order to address as appropriate the structural problems and challenges facing many cities; **[agreed ad ref.]**

35. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its seventieth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution, including an update on progress made in the preparations for the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III); **[agreed ad ref.]**

36. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventieth session the item entitled “Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)”. **[agreed ad ref.]**
