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**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)**

**Fiji:\* 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,*

*Recalling* the outcomes of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements and of the second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II),

*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), as well as relevant decisions and resolutions of the Economic and Social Council on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda,

*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,

*Reaffirming also* paragraphs 134 to 137 of the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development 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,

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\* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.



*Recognizing* that, while significant progress has been made in implementing the Istanbul Declaration on Human Settlements and the Habitat Agenda, challenges remain, such as, inter alia, the rapid urbanization process in large parts of the developing world, the continuing increase in the number of urban slum dwellers in the world, the negative impact of environmental degradation on human settlements, including climate change, desertification and loss of biodiversity, and the increasing vulnerability of urban settlements to natural and human-made disasters,

*Reiterating its support* for the World Urban Forum as 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 Medellin for offering to host the seventh session of the Forum from 5 to 11 April 2014,

*Recalling* its resolutions [64/207](#) of 21 December 2009, [65/165](#) of 20 December 2010, [66/207](#) of 22 December 2011 and [67/216](#) of 21 December 2012, which addressed the convening in 2016 of a third United Nations conference on housing and sustainable urban development (Habitat III),

*Recalling also* paragraph 14 of resolution [67/216](#), in which the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General of the conference to prepare, using the expertise of the United Nations system, a proposal for consideration by the Governing Council of UN-Habitat at its twenty-fourth session, on how best to provide inputs for and support to the preparatory process of the conference in the most inclusive, efficient, effective and improved manner, and to proceed accordingly,

*Taking note* of the report of the Governing Council of UN-Habitat on its twenty-fourth session, held from 15 to 19 April 2013, and in particular of resolution [24/1](#), by which the Council decided to recommend to the General Assembly that, beginning in 2014, 31 October of every year be designated as World Cities Day, resolution [24/14](#), by which the Council decided on how best to provide inputs for and support to the preparatory process of the third United Nations conference on housing and sustainable urban development (Habitat III) and of resolution [24/10](#), in which the Council encouraged Governments and Habitat Agenda partners to give appropriate consideration in their contributions to the post-2015 development agenda to sustainable urbanization, to sustainable urban development and to the role of cities and local governments in that regard,

*Recalling* Economic and Social Council resolution 2013/22 of 24 July 2013 on human settlements, adopted by the Council at its substantive session of 2013,

*Reaffirming* Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67 of 25 July 1980 on international years and anniversaries and General Assembly resolutions [53/199](#) of 15 December 1998 and [61/185](#) of 20 December 2006 on the proclamation of international years,

1. *Takes note* of the notes by the Secretary-General on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda<sup>1</sup> and the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human

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<sup>1</sup> A/68/328.

Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat);<sup>2</sup>

2. *Encourages* giving appropriate consideration to sustainable urbanization in the elaboration of the post-2015 development agenda;

3. *Endorses* Governing Council of UN-Habitat resolution 24/14 of 19 April 2013 on the inputs and support required for the preparatory process of the third United Nations conference on housing and sustainable urban development (Habitat III), and welcomes the offer by the Government of Ecuador to host the conference in Quito in 2016;

4. *Recognizes* the need for regular budget support during the biennium 2014-2015 to enable UN-Habitat to provide those inputs;

5. *Urges* international and bilateral donors, and also the private sector, financial institutions and foundations, to support the national, regional and global preparations for the Habitat III conference through voluntary contributions to the Habitat III trust fund and to support the participation of representatives of developing countries in meetings of the preparatory committee and in the conference itself;

6. *Encourages* stakeholders gathering at the seventh session of the World Urban Forum, 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;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the conference 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;

8. *Encourages* all United Nations system organizations to support the Habitat III preparatory process at the country level, including the establishment or strengthening of national habitat committees and the preparation of Habitat III national reports, considering the support that could be provided by the private sector, non-governmental organizations and academia, in accordance with national legislation and practices, as appropriate;

9. *Welcomes* the strategic plan of UN-Habitat for the period 2014-2019 and its focus areas, as approved by the Governing Council of UN-Habitat at its twenty-fourth session;

10. *Calls for* continued financial support to UN-Habitat through increased voluntary contributions, and invites Governments in a position to do so and other stakeholders to provide predictable multi-year funding and increased non-earmarked contributions to the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation to support the implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2014-2019;

11. *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

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<sup>2</sup> A/68/332.

the delivery, in an effective manner, of necessary services to UN-Habitat and other United Nations organs and organizations in Nairobi;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide adequate resources so as to enhance the effectiveness of UN-Habitat in supporting national policies, strategies and plans for attaining the goals of the Habitat Agenda, the targets of the Millennium Development Goals and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation relevant to human settlements, as well as relevant commitments contained in the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, entitled “The future we want”;

13. *Takes note* of the governance review of UN-Habitat and invites the President of the twenty-fourth session of the Governing Council of UN-Habitat to submit recommendations on and options for reform of the governance of UN-Habitat for consideration by the General Assembly at its sixty-ninth session;

14. *Decides* to designate 31 October of every year, beginning in 2014, as World Cities Day, invites States, the United Nations system, in particular UN-Habitat, relevant international organizations, civil society and all other relevant stakeholders to observe and raise awareness of World Cities Day, and stresses that the costs of all activities that may arise from observing World Cities Day should be met from voluntary contributions;

15. *Welcomes* the offer made by the Government of South Africa to host the UN-Habitat conference on the theme “Leading change in the city” by the end of 2013, with the objective, among others, of enhancing the capacity of women’s leadership in urban governance;

16. *Encourages* the conference to produce an outcome that could bring about strategies to address challenges facing developing countries in the areas of slum explosion, lack of adequate shelter, increasing urban poverty, growing inequalities among urban populations, high crime levels and reversal of urban migration;

17. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-ninth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution, including an update on progress made in the preparations for the third United Nations conference on housing and sustainable urban development (Habitat III), and an evaluation of World Cities Day;

18. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-ninth 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)”.