

## **Draft Resolution 25/ 5**

### **Draft resolution submitted by the Government of Iraq on UN-Habitat's support to the preparatory process of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) and the role of National Habitat Committees in its preparation and implementation**

*The Governing Council,*

*Recalling* the outcomes of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements, held in Vancouver, Canada, in 1976<sup>1</sup>, and the second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), held in Istanbul, Turkey in 1996<sup>2</sup>;

*Recalling also* the relevant resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and Governing Council on the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), the strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), and on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda, including resolutions A/64/207 of 21 December 2009, A/65/165 of 20 December 2010, A/66/207 of 22 December 2011, A/67/216 of 21 December 2012 and A/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), and A/69/226 of 19 December 2014;

*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, in particular paragraphs 134 to 137 on sustainable cities and human settlements, and relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and Governing Council, including resolutions A/69/226 and GC24/14;

*Recalling* all relevant resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly on the role of National Habitat Committees and the support of UN-Habitat to programme countries to mainstream the Habitat Agenda in their respective development frameworks, especially A/65/165;

*Taking note* of the work of the National Habitat Committees in combining all level of government, civil society and private sector to engage in the urban debate, drawing on the recommendations of the Habitat I and Habitat II Conference, which recognized the potential of the Committees in identifying challenges and reporting on achievements in addressing urbanization, housing and slum issues;

*Recalling* Governing Council resolution 24/10 and General Assembly resolution A/69/226 of 19 December 2014, emphasising the vital link between sustainable urbanisation and sustainable development, and 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;

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<sup>1</sup> 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).

<sup>2</sup> See *Report of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), Istanbul, 3–14 June 1996* (A/CONF.165/14), chap. I, resolution 1, annexes I and II.

1. *Encourages* Member States to take into account, in preparing for the Habitat III Conference and its outcome to be presented as the “New Urban Agenda”, the role of sustainable urbanization as a driver of sustainable development, and the inter-linkages between 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;
2. *Encourages* member States to establish and support National Habitat Committees, as appropriate and within the national governmental and institutional framework, to facilitate coordination of Habitat Agenda partners and relevant groups in the areas of sustainable urbanization and human settlements in the national context, to monitor and report on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda; and to fulfill other roles as may be defined during the Habitat III Conference.
3. *Urges* Member States to expedite and finalise their national reports for the Habitat III Conference, using as required assistance and support from UN-Habitat, and encourages the participation of at all levels of government and other stakeholders, including through National Habitat Committees as appropriate;
4. *Request* the Executive Director to provide technical assistance, as requested, within the framework of existing mandate and available resources, including tools and guidelines, to develop adequate capacity of National Habitat Committees to deliver on their responsibilities, and to support the implementation of the New Urban Agenda after the Habitat III Conference in 2016;
5. *Reiterates* the key role of UN-Habitat in supporting the preparations towards Habitat III as the United Nations programme focused on sustainable urbanization and human settlements, and *requests* the Executive Director to offer to the fullest extent the expertise of UN-Habitat in the preparations of the Habitat III global report and the preparatory process as a whole, through the use of currently available and new data;
6. *Requests* the Executive Director to summarise and propose the outcomes and results of the implementation of UN-Habitat’s programme in its normative and operational work to the Habitat III preparatory process as a basis for a strong evidence-based approach to the development of the New Urban Agenda;
7. *Requests* the Executive Director to promote effective participation and contribution of all stakeholders to the Habitat III Conference and its outcome document through the use of national urban forums, national urban campaigns, and the World Urban Campaign and its initiatives;
8. *Encourages* Member States, relevant international organizations, civil society and other relevant stakeholders to observe and support the World Habitat Day, the World Cities Day and the “Urban October” in 2015 and 2016 as a platform to engage citizens on the preparations for Habitat III;
9. *Requests* the Executive Director to ensure that a strong linkage is established between the Habitat III preparatory process and the Ninth Session of the World Urban Forum in 2018, to be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, as the first Forum to take stock of and support the implementation of the New Urban Agenda;

10. *Requests* the Executive Director to submit to the Governing Council at its twenty-sixth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution and on the outcomes of the Conference.