

Resolution

2011/21

Human settlements

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its relevant resolutions and decisions on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda,¹

Acknowledging the work of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) towards attaining the goal of sustainable urban development and the implementation of the Habitat Agenda,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda;²

2. *Encourages* the inclusion, where appropriate, of sustainable urbanization, including urban poverty reduction, slum upgrading, the role of local authorities, as well as urban resilience to natural disasters and the impact of climate change, as a cross-cutting issue in the preparations for, as well as the follow-up to, the outcome of relevant summits and major international conferences, including the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, to be convened in 2012;

3. *Takes note* of the report of the Executive Director of UN-Habitat on a third United Nations conference on housing and sustainable urban development,³ prepared in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 64/207 of 21 December 2009 and 65/165 of 20 December 2010, in which it requested the Secretary-General to prepare a report on the question of convening, in 2016, a third United Nations conference on housing and sustainable urban development (Habitat III), in collaboration with the Governing Council of UN-Habitat, for consideration by the Assembly at its sixty-sixth session, and welcomes resolution 23/8 of 15 April 2011 of the Governing Council of UN-Habitat,⁴ in which it invited the Assembly to deliberate at its sixty-sixth session on the question of convening, in 2016, a third United Nations Conference on housing and sustainable urban development (Habitat III);

4. *Invites* Governments and regional and local authorities, in accordance with national legislation, to enumerate the populations living in slums in their countries, regions and urban areas and, on that basis, to set, with the support of the international community, voluntary and realistic national, regional and local targets, to be attained by 2020, with regard to improving significantly the lives of slum-dwellers, in line with resolution 23/9 of 15 April 2011 of the Governing Council of UN-Habitat, entitled “Global and national strategies and frameworks for improving the lives of slum-dwellers beyond the Millennium Development Goals target”;⁴

¹ *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 II.

² E/2011/106.

³ HSP/GC/23/2/Add.4.

⁴ See A/66/8, annex.

5. *Decides* to transmit to the General Assembly for consideration at its sixty-sixth session the report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda;²

6. *Invites* countries in a position to do so and relevant organizations to provide voluntary funding for promoting the participation of developing countries in the meetings of the Governing Council of UN-Habitat and in the World Urban Forum, as well as in other relevant conferences on sustainable urbanization;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Economic and Social Council for its consideration at its substantive session of 2012 a report on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda.

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27 July 2011*