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Note by the secretariat

1. Annexed hereto is the report of the Dubai International Conference on Best Practices for Improving the Living Environment which was held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates from 19 to 22 November 1995. The Conference was organized by the Dubai Municipality, United Arab Emirates, with the co-sponsorship of UNCHS (Habitat). The report, which contains the Dubai Declaration and the proceedings of the Conference, is brought to the attention of the Habitat II Conference pursuant to a decision of the third session of the Preparatory Committee for the Habitat II Conference.
2. The recommendations contained in the report were used by the Technical Advisory Committee and the Jury as additional inputs to the criteria established by Decision II/7 of the Preparatory Committee for the selection of the Best Practices 100 List, the short list of Best Practices and the final award-winning Best Practices (see Document A/CONF.165/8 and A/CONF.165/CRP.3). The recommendations have also been useful in guiding the Habitat II Secretariat and UNCHS (Habitat) in establishing the Best Practices and Local Leadership Programme which will continue the work initiated during the preparatory process for the Habitat II Conference.

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