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Chapter III

GENERAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE STATE OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS,
INCLUDING STRATEGIES FOR THEIR IMPROVEMENT

1. The Conference held a general exchange of views on the state of human settlements, including strategies for their improvement (agenda item 8) at the 1st to 12th plenary meetings, from 3 to 11 June 1996. Representatives of States, specialized agencies, United Nations bodies, programmes and offices, intergovernmental organizations and other entities, non-governmental organizations, local authorities and observers for associate members of the regional commissions addressed the Conference. All speakers expressed their appreciation for the efforts made by the host Government and the Secretariat in preparing for the Conference.
2. At the 1st plenary meeting, on 3 June, the Secretary-General of the Conference made an introductory statement. The Conference also heard statements by the representatives of Costa Rica (on behalf of the States

Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77), Italy (on behalf of the European Union), Colombia (on behalf of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries), Turkey, the United States of America and China.

3. At the 2nd plenary meeting, on 3 June, the Conference heard statements by the representatives of Argentina, Finland, France, Japan, the United Arab Emirates, Malaysia, Ecuador, Norway, Brazil and Germany.

4. At the same meeting, statements were made by the Director-General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the representative of the World Bank. The representative of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees also made a statement. Statements were also made by the representative of the Commission of the European Communities and by the Mayor of Rome, representative of the Commission for Urban Policy of the European Union.

5. At the 3rd meeting, on 4 June, the Conference heard statements by the representatives of Peru, Iceland, Mexico, the Holy See, the Russian Federation, Denmark, Indonesia, the Republic of Korea, Lebanon, Jamaica and Tunisia.

6. At the same meeting, a statement was made by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. Statements were also made by the representatives of the International Association of Peace Messenger Cities, an international association of local authorities, and the all India Women's Conference, a non-governmental organization.

7. At the 4th meeting, on 4 June, the Conference heard statements by the representatives of Cuba, Slovenia, El Salvador, Poland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Namibia and Egypt.

8. At the same meeting, the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund made a statement.

9. At the same meeting, the representatives of Greece and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia made statements in exercise of the right of reply.

10. At the 5th meeting, on 5 June, the Conference heard statements by the representatives of Uganda, Côte d'Ivoire, Qatar, Nigeria, Benin, Antigua and Barbuda, Bhutan, the United Republic of Tanzania, Belgium and Oman. The observer for Palestine also made a statement.

11. At the same meeting, the representatives of the Latin American Parliament, an intergovernmental organization, and the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, a non-governmental organization, made statements.
12. At the 6th meeting, on 5 June, the Conference heard statements by the representatives of Canada, Swaziland, the Czech Republic, Ireland, Kazakstan, Ghana, Mongolia, Hungary, Morocco, Romania, Latvia and Kyrgyzstan.
13. At the same meeting, the President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization and the representative of the World Food Programme made statements. Statements were also made by the representatives of the Organization of African Unity and the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, intergovernmental organizations. Statements were also made by the representatives of the following non-governmental organizations: International Federation of Settlements and Neighbourhood Centres, Caucus on Older Persons and Agence de recherche d'information et de formation pour les femmes.
14. At the 7th meeting, on 6 June, the Conference heard statements by the representatives of Botswana, Austria, Chile, Croatia, the Philippines, Senegal, Mali, Azerbaijan, Venezuela and Seychelles.
15. At the same meeting, a statement was made by the representative of the International Labour Organization. The representative of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, an intergovernmental organization, made a statement. Statements were also made by the Mayor of Kampala, Chairman of the Commonwealth Local Government Forum, and the Mayor of Rufisque, Senegal, Deputy Secretary-General of the African Cities Union. The representatives of Habitat for Humanity International and the Women's Environment and Development Organization, non-governmental organizations, also made statements.
16. At the same meeting, the representative of Armenia made a statement in exercise of the right of reply.
17. At the 8th meeting, on 7 June, the Conference heard statements by the representatives of Paraguay, India, New Zealand, the Syrian Arab Republic, Kenya, Greece, the Sudan and Viet Nam.
18. At the same meeting, the Director-General of the World Health Organization made a statement. Statements were also made by the

representative of the United Nations Children's Fund and the Rector of the United Nations University. The representative of the International Organization for Migration, an intergovernmental organization, made a statement. Statements were also made by the representatives of the following non-governmental organizations: Women's Homes and Community Super Coalition, International Cooperative Alliance, Commission on Global Governance and Earth Pledge Foundation.

19. At the 9th meeting, on 7 June, the Conference heard statements by the representatives of Guatemala, the Niger, Portugal, Jordan, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, Bangladesh, Haiti, Guyana and Sierra Leone and the observer for the British Virgin Islands.

20. At the same meeting, statements were made by the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. The representatives of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and the United Nations Development Fund for Women made statements. Statements were also made by the representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross and Shelter-Afrique, intergovernmental organizations. The representative of Touba, an African local authority, made a statement. Statements were also made by the representatives of the following non-governmental organizations: Commonwealth Humane Ecology Council, Baha'i International Community and Centre for Human Settlements International.

21. At the 10th meeting, on 10 June, the Conference heard statements by the representatives of Malta, Pakistan, Trinidad and Tobago, Cameroon and Madagascar.

22. At the same meeting, the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme made a statement. The representative of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, an intergovernmental organization, made a statement. Statements were also made by the following non-governmental organizations: International Religious Foundation, Brahma Kumaris and Human Settlements Caucus.

23. At the same meeting, the representative of Nigeria made a statement in exercise of the right of reply.

24. At the 11th meeting, on 11 June, the Conference heard statements by the representatives of Rwanda, Bolivia, Yemen, Lithuania, Georgia, Zaire and

Spain. The representative of Chile made a statement on behalf of the States members of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean.

25. At the same meeting, the Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific made a statement. The representatives of the Inter-American Development Bank and the Permanent Council for the Francophone States, intergovernmental organizations, also made statements. Statements were also made by the following non-governmental organizations: Rotary International, NGO Peace Caucus, International Planned Parenthood Federation and Center for Respect of Life and Environment.

26. At the 12th meeting, on 11 June, the Conference heard statements by the representatives of Israel, Cyprus, Burundi, Sri Lanka, Chad, Ukraine, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mauritius, Congo, Cambodia, Bahrain, Malawi, Equatorial Guinea and Djibouti.

27. At the same meeting, the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme made a statement. A statement was also made by the Mayor of the Metropolitan Municipality of Bursa, Turkey, representative of the International Council for Local Environmental initiatives. Statements were made by the representatives of the following non-governmental organizations: International Islamic Relief Organization, Rainbow Istanbul Women's Platform, Droit au Logement, Health and Environment Caucus, Carter Center - Global 2000, and GAIA Trust of Denmark.

28. At the same meeting, the representatives of Turkey and Cyprus made statements in exercise of the right of reply.

29. At the same meeting, the Conference decided to hear interventions by the observer for Palestine, a representative of the NGO Youth Caucus and a representative of the local authorities during the high-level segment of the Conference.

Best Practices Initiative for Improving the Living Environment

30. At the 4th meeting, on 4 June 1996, a ceremony was held to present awards to the winners of the Best Practices Initiative. Statements were made by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali; the Governor of the Municipality of Tokyo, Mr. Yukio Aoshima; the Director-General of the Municipality of Dubai, Mr. Qassim Sultan; and the Secretary-General of the Conference, Dr. Wally N'Dow.

31. The winners of the Tokyo Award for Excellence in Improving the Living Environment are as follows:

Mr. Yves Cabannes of the Groupe de recherche et d'échanges technologiques (GRET) Urbano and Mr. Francisco Siquiera of the Popular Council of Rondon, representing the Integration Council in the Favelas Rehabilitation Process (Fortaleza, Brazil);

Ms. Caryl Arundel, Director of the Social Development Division, and Ms. Patricia Balogh, Chair of the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged, representing "Metro Toronto's Changing Communities: Innovative Responses" (Toronto, Canada);

Mr. Xu Mingtian and Mr. Chen Dongming of the Anhui Provincial Construction Department, representing "Post-Calamity Reconstruction of Anhui Province's Rural Areas" (Anhui Province, China);

Ms. Elzbieta Macik, Department of Urban Planning and Architecture, University of Lublin and Ms. Ewa Kipta, Coordinator of the Local Initiative Programme, representing the "Local Initiative Programme: Community Planning Process and City/Neighbourhood Programme" (Lublin, Poland);

Mr. Ezekiel Masuku and Mr. Michael O'Dovovan, representing the Community Information Resource Centre (Alexandra, South Africa);

Mr. Gene Roberts, Mayor of Chattanooga, and Mr. David Crockett, Councilman for District 3, City of Chattanooga, representing the City of Chattanooga, Tennessee, United States of America.

32. The winners of the Dubai Award for Excellence in Improving the Living Environment are as follows:

Ms. Maria Antonietta and Mr. Ezequiel Zapiola of the Association for Community Assistance, representing "Sites and Services for Low-Income Families" (North of Gran, Buenos Aires, Argentina);

Mr. Djedi Amondji Pierro, Mayor of Adjame, and Mr. Coulibaly Seydou, Permanent Secretary of the Neighbourhood Committees in Adjame, representing "Successful Institutionalization of Community-Based Development" (Adjame, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire);

Ms. Ela Bhatt, Chairperson, and Ms. Hanifa Baloch of the Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA) Bank, representing "A Women's Self-Help Organization for Poverty Alleviation in India";

Mr. Said El Fassi, Ministry of Housing, Government of Morocco, and Mr. El Ouatiq, City of Agadir, representing "Shelter Upgrading" (Agadir, Morocco);

Mr. Gerrit Brokx, Mayor of Tilburg, and Mr. van Gulp, Elderman for the Environment, City of Tilburg, representing "City Management in Tilburg" (Tilburg, Netherlands);

Ms. Yolanda Rivera and Mr. Michael Meena, Co-chairpersons and Chief Executive Officers of the Banana Kelly Association, representing "Don't Move, Improve" (South Bronx, New York City, United States of America).

Observance of the International Decade of
the World's Indigenous People

33. At the 10th meeting, on 10 June, in observance of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People, the Conference heard statements by Mr. Ibrahima Fall, Coordinator of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People, and Dr. Wally N'Dow, Secretary-General of the Conference. Statements were also made by the representatives of Brazil, Canada, Chile, Denmark, China and Norway.
