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Chapter II

ATTENDANCE AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

A. Date and place of the Conference

1. The United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) was held at Istanbul, Turkey from 3 to 14 June 1966 in conformity with General Assembly resolution 47/180. During that period the Conference held ... plenary meetings.

B. Pre-Conference consultations

2. Pre-Conference consultations open to all States invited to participate in the Conference were held at Istanbul on 1 and 2 June 1996 to consider a number of procedural and organizational matters. These informal consultations were conducted under the chairmanship of His Excellency Mr. Huseyin E. Çelem, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Turkey to the United Nations. The report on the consultations (A/CONF.165/L.2) was submitted to the Conference and the recommendations contained in it were accepted as the basis for the organization of the Conference's work.

C. Attendance

3. The following States were represented at the Conference:

Afghanistan	Costa Rica
Albania	Côte d'Ivoire
Algeria	Croatia
Angola	Cuba
Antigua and Barbuda	Cyprus
Argentina	Czech Republic
Armenia	Denmark
Australia	Djibouti
Austria	Ecuador
Azerbaijan	Egypt
Bahrain	El Salvador
Bangladesh	Equatorial Guinea
Barbados	Eritrea
Belgium	Estonia
Belize	Ethiopia
Benin	Fiji
Bhutan	Finland
Bolivia	France
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Gabon
Botswana	Gambia
Brazil	Georgia
Bulgaria	Germany
Burkina Faso	Ghana
Burundi	Greece
Cambodia	Guatemala
Cameroon	Guinea
Canada	Guinea-Bissau
Cape Verde	Guyana
Central African Republic	Haiti
Chad	Holy See
Chile	Hungary
China	Iceland
Colombia	India
Congo	Indonesia

Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Netherlands
Iraq	New Zealand
Ireland	Nicaragua
Israel	Niger
Italy	Nigeria
Jamaica	Norway
Japan	Oman
Jordan	Pakistan
Kazakstan	Palau
Kenya	Panama
Kiribati	Papua New Guinea
Kuwait	Paraguay
Kyrgyzstan	Peru
Lao People's Democratic Republic	Philippines
Latvia	Poland
Lebanon	Portugal
Lesotho	Qatar
Liberia	Republic of Korea
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	Republic of Moldova
Lithuania	Romania
Luxembourg	Russian Federation
Madagascar	Rwanda
Malawi	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Malaysia	Samoa
Maldives	Sao Tome and Principe
Mali	Saudi Arabia
Malta	Senegal
Marshall Islands	Seychelles
Mauritania	Sierra Leone
Mauritius	Singapore
Mexico	Slovakia
Mongolia	Slovenia
Morocco	Solomon Islands
Mozambique	South Africa
Namibia	Spain
Nepal	Sri Lanka

Sudan	Ukraine
Swaziland	United Arab Emirates
Sweden	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Switzerland	United Republic of Tanzania
Syrian Arab Republic	United States of America
Tajikistan	Uruguay
Thailand	Uzbekistan
The former Yougoslav Republic of Macedonia	Vanuatu
Togo	Venezuela
Trinidad and Tobago	Viet Nam
Tunisia	Yemen
Turkey	Zaire
Turkmenistan	Zambia
Uganda	Zimbabwe

4. The observer for Palestine attended the Conference.

5. The following associate members of the regional commissions were represented by observers:

Aruba

British Virgin Islands

Netherlands Antilles

6. The secretariats of the following regional commissions were represented:

Economic Commission for Africa

Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

7. The following United Nations bodies and programmes were represented:

United Nations Children's Fund

United Nations Development Fund for Women

United Nations Development Programme

United Nations Environment Programme

United Nations Population Fund

United Nations University

World Food Programme

United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Office of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

Committee on the Rights of the Child

8. The following specialized agencies and related organizations were represented:

International Labour Organization  
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations  
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization  
World Health Organization  
World Bank  
International Monetary Fund  
World Meteorological Organization  
International Fund for Agricultural Development  
United Nations Industrial Development Organization

9. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented:

African Housing Fund  
Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation  
Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa  
Asian Development Bank  
Caribbean Community  
Central American Integration System  
Commonwealth of Independent States  
Commonwealth Secretariat  
Council of Europe  
European Community  
Inter-American Development Bank  
International Committee of the Red Cross  
International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies  
International Organization for Migration  
Latin American Parliament  
League of Arab States  
Nordic Council of Ministers  
Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development  
Organization of African Unity  
Organization of the Islamic Conference  
Shelter Afrique  
World Tourism Organization

10. A large number of non-governmental organizations attended the Conference. The accredited non-governmental organizations are specified in documents A/CONF.165/5 and Add.1 and 2, annex I, and A/CONF.165/L.2, paragraph 23, and in Preparatory Committee decisions I/3, II/9 and 3/1.

D. Opening of the Conference and election of the President

11. The Conference was declared open by the Secretary-General of the United Nations. The Secretary-General then addressed the Conference.

12. At the first plenary meeting, on 3 June, the Conference elected, by acclamation, as President of the Conference, His Excellency Mr. Süleyman Demirel, President of the Republic of Turkey. The President addressed the Conference.

E. Adoption of the rules of procedure

13. At the 1st plenary meeting, on 3 June, the Conference adopted the provisional rules of procedure (A/CONF.165/2), as recommended by the Preparatory Committee for the Conference in its decision II/4 on 5 May 1995 and as endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 50/100 of 20 December 1995.

F. Adoption of the agenda

14. At the first plenary meeting, on 3 June, the Conference adopted as its agenda the provisional agenda (A/CONF.165/1) as recommended by the Preparatory Committee in its decision 3/3. The agenda as adopted was as follows:

1. Opening of the Conference.
2. Election of the President.
3. Adoption of the rules of procedure.
4. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
5. Election of officers other than the President.
6. Organization of work, including the establishment of the Main Committees of the Conference.
7. Credentials of representatives to the Conference:
  - (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;
  - (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.
8. State of human settlements, including strategies for their improvement.
9. The Habitat Agenda: goals and principles, commitments and global plan of action.
10. Role and contribution of local authorities, the private sector, parliamentarians, non-governmental organizations and other partners in the implementation of the Habitat Agenda.
11. High-level segment,
12. Adoption of the Declaration and the Habitat Agenda.
13. Adoption of the report of the Conference.

G. Election of officers other than the President

15. At the 1st plenary meeting, on 3 June, the Conference endorsed the recommendations concerning the composition of the General Committee and the distribution of posts as set out in paragraph 7 of document A/CONF.165/3.

16. At the same meeting, the Conference elected Vice-Presidents from the following regional groups:

African States (seven Vice-Presidents): Cameroon, Ghana, Senegal, South Africa, Sudan and Zimbabwe;

[The election of the seventh Vice-President from the African States was postponed to a later meeting.]

Asian States (six Vice-Presidents): China, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Yemen;

Eastern European States (three Vice-Presidents): Bulgaria, Romania and Russian Federation;

Latin American and Caribbean States (five Vice-Presidents): Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, El Salvador, Jamaica and Peru;

Western European and other States (six Vice-Presidents): France, Germany, Greece, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America.

17. At the same meeting, the Conference elected an ex officio Vice-President from the host country, His Excellency Professor Emre Gönensay, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey.

18. At the same meeting, the Conference elected Mr. Ricardo Gorosito (Uruguay) Rapporteur-General of the Conference.

19. At the same meeting, the Conference elected Mr. Shafqat Kakakhel (Pakistan) Chairman of Committee I.

20. Also at the same meeting, the Conference elected Mr. Martti Lujanen (Finland) Chairman of Committee II.

H. Organization of work, including the establishment of the main committees of the Conference

21. At the 1st plenary meeting, on 3 June, the Conference, in accordance with the recommendations of the pre-Conference consultations contained in paragraphs 17 to 20 of document A/CONF.165/L.2, approved its organization of work.

I. Accreditation of international associations of local authorities

22. At the 1st plenary meeting, on 3 June, in accordance with the recommendations of the pre-Conference consultations contained in paragraph 22

of document A/CONF.165/L.2, the Conference approved the accreditation of the international associations of local authorities listed in document A/CONF.165/6 and Add.1.

J. Accreditation of non-governmental organizations

23. At the 1st plenary meeting, on 3 June, in accordance with the recommendations of the pre-Conference consultations contained in paragraphs 23 and 25 of document A/CONF.165/L.2, the Conference approved the accreditation of the non-governmental organization deferred by the Preparatory Committee, namely, the Federation of Westthrace Turks in Europe, and the additional non-governmental organizations listed in document A/CONF.165/5 and Add.1 and 2, annex I.

24. At the same meeting, the representatives of Greece and Turkey made statements of reservation (see annex).

K. Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee

25. At the 1st plenary meeting, on 3 June, in conformity with rule 4 of the rules of procedure of the Conference and the recommendation of the pre-Conference consultations contained in paragraph 21 of document A/CONF.165/L.2, the Conference established a Credentials Committee composed of China, Luxembourg, Mali, the Marshall Islands, the Russian Federation, South Africa, Trinidad and Tobago, the United States of America and Venezuela, on the understanding that, if one of those States did not participate in the Conference, it would be replaced by another State from the same regional group.



AnnexRESERVATIONS EXPRESSED BY THE REPRESENTATIVES OF GREECE AND TURKEY  
ON THE ACCREDITATION OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

1. The representative of Greece stated the following:

"As already mentioned at the pre-Conference consultations, my delegation has held the view that the participation of the Federation of Westthrace Turks in Europe as an observer to the Conference is not warranted because (a) its objectives are not relevant to the subject of this Conference and (b) its name is not in conformity with existing international treaties. We continue to hold this view and discussions during the consultations have only reinforced our belief in our position.

"Further, the objections raised by my delegation are equally valid for the Western Thrace Turkish Solidarity Association, based in Istanbul, Turkey - a non-governmental organization that submitted its candidacy for observer status to the Conference more recently.

"However, while repeating again the objections of my delegation to according observer status to these two non-governmental organizations, should there emerge an overwhelming majority to accord observer status to them, my delegation, in a spirit of compromise, will not stand in the way of such an agreement."

2. The representative of Turkey stated the following:

"With regard to the three Turkish Cypriot non-governmental organizations which are not recommended for accreditation by the secretariat (see document A/CONF.165/5/Add.2, annex II), the delegation of Turkey wishes to state that, in a spirit of compromise, Turkey will not object to the decision of the secretariat. However, the delegation of Turkey wishes to state, for the record, its reservations on this matter."

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