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### Economic and environmental questions: human settlements

**Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-President of the Council, Miloš Koterec (Slovakia), on the basis of informal consultations on draft resolution E/2011/L.20**

### Human settlements

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its relevant resolutions and decisions on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda,<sup>1</sup>

*Acknowledging* the work of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme 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;<sup>2</sup>

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 and 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 the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) on a third United Nations conference on housing and sustainable urban development,<sup>3</sup> prepared in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 64/207 of 21 December 2009 and 65/165 of 20 December 2010, requesting 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

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<sup>1</sup> *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.

<sup>2</sup> E/2011/106.

<sup>3</sup> HSP/CTC/23/2/Add.4.



Council of UN-Habitat, for consideration by the Assembly at its sixty-sixth session, and welcomes UN-Habitat Governing Council resolution 23/8<sup>4</sup> inviting the General 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 population 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, entitled “Global and national strategies and frameworks for improving the lives of slum dwellers beyond the Millennium Development Goals target”,<sup>5</sup> adopted by the Governing Council of UN-Habitat at its twenty-third session;

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

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 the World Urban Forum, as well as other relevant conferences on sustainable urbanization;

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

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<sup>4</sup> See A/66/8, annex.

<sup>5</sup> Ibid.