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Indonesia* : draft resolution

Revitalization of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)

The General Assembly,

Recalling paragraph 229 of the Habitat Agenda, adopted by the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II),¹ in which it was stated that the functions of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) would need to be assessed with a view to its revitalization,

Recalling its resolutions 51/177 of 16 December 1996 and 52/190 of 18 December 1997, in which it requested the Secretary-General to undertake, in the light of the review of the mandate of the Commission on Human Settlements, a comprehensive and in-depth assessment of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) with a view to its revitalization,

Bearing in mind the objectives, functions and responsibilities given to the Commission on Human Settlements by the Conference, as set out in paragraphs 222 to 227 of the Habitat Agenda, and by the General Assembly in its resolution 52/192, and the functions and responsibilities given to the Centre by the Conference, as set out in paragraphs 228 and 229 of the Habitat Agenda,

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

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.

Bearing in mind paragraph 7 of Commission on Human Settlements resolution 14/19 of 5 May 1993, in which the Commission strongly recommended that the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) be kept under distinct senior management in accordance with the specific nature and activities of the two bodies,²

Bearing in mind also paragraph 3 (c) of section I of its resolution 47/212 B, in which it requested the Secretary-General to reconsider his proposal to abolish the post of Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) in view of the recommendations of the Commission on Human Settlements, the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme and the Economic and Social Council and the views expressed by Member States,

Recalling paragraph 4 of its resolution 48/176, in which it requested the Secretary-General to give full consideration to the views expressed by Member States regarding the high-level leadership of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) through distinct and separate management and direction as contemplated in General Assembly resolution 32/162 of 19 December 1977,

Recalling also paragraph 29 of its resolution 48/228 of 23 December 1993, in which it reiterated its request in section I, paragraph 3 (c), of its resolution 47/212 B and stressed the need for the Secretary-General to implement fully and promptly the decisions of the General Assembly contained therein,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the assessment of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat),³

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on the assessment of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat);
2. *Endorses* the recommendations on the management of the Centre, as contained in paragraphs 15 to 17 of the report of the Secretary-General;
3. *Welcomes* the establishment and the terms of reference of the team of experts for the revitalization of the Centre, as indicated in paragraphs 18 to 20 of the report of the Secretary-General, and requests the Secretary-General to submit the recommendations of the team of experts and the views of Member States to the Commission on Human Settlements at its seventeenth session for action, as appropriate;
4. *Reaffirms* the need to keep the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) under separate and distinct management and direction, as requested by the Commission on Human Settlements in paragraph 7 of its resolution 14/19 and by the General Assembly in paragraph 4 of its resolution 48/176, paragraph 3 (c) of section I of its resolution 47/212 B and paragraph 29 of its resolution 48/228, and as was contemplated by the General Assembly in its resolution 32/162;
5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 8 (A/48/8)*, annex I, sect. A.

³ A/53/512.