

DRAFT RESOLUTION ON ADEQUATE HOUSING FOR ALL

Recalling the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and its article 25 recognizing housing as part of the right to an adequate standard of living

Recalling the Vancouver Declaration on Human Settlements adopted by the First United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat I) and its recognition that adequate shelter and services are a basic human right, which places an obligation on Governments to ensure their attainment by all people;

Recalling the Istanbul Declaration on Human Settlements adopted by the Second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and its commitment to the full and progressive realization of the right to adequate housing;

Recalling General Assembly resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, in which the Assembly commits to ensure access for all to adequate, safe and affordable housing and basic services, and its recognition that eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development;

Recalling General Assembly resolution 76/133 of 16 December 2021 entitled “Inclusive policies and programmes to address homelessness, including in the aftermath of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19)” in which the Assembly encouraged national and local governments to improve access to affordable housing through integrated housing policies and social protection measures;

Recalling Resolution 23/16 of 15 April 2011 entitled “Formulation of a Global Housing Strategy”, Resolution 24/9 of 19 April 2013 entitled “Inclusive national and local housing strategies to achieve the Global Housing Strategy paradigm shift and Resolution 25/4 of 23 April 2015 entitled “Implementation of the strategic plan for 2014–2019” taking note of the “housing at the centre approach”, which positions housing at the centre of national urban policies and of cities;

Recalling the New Urban Agenda and its commitment to promoting national, subnational and local housing policies that support the progressive realization of the right to adequate housing for all as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, while enabling the participation and engagement of communities and relevant stakeholders in the planning and implementation of these policies, according to national legislation and standards;

Reaffirming the New Urban Agenda commitment to the principle of subsidiarity in housing policy in order to ensure coherence among national, subnational and local development strategies, land policies and housing supply;

Recalling Human Rights Council resolution 49/17 of 31 March 2022 on the right to adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, including its recognition that security of tenure enhances the enjoyment of the right to adequate housing and is significant to the enjoyment of many other economic, social, cultural, civil and political rights and its call to member States to give due consideration to integrating the human right to adequate housing into the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, with a particular view to the right to non-discrimination in this context;

Recognising that Member States have the primary responsibility to ensure the full realisation of all human rights and to endeavour to take steps, individually and through international assistance and cooperation, by adopting deliberate, concrete and targeted measures towards the fulfilment of the right to adequate housing within a reasonable time frame;

Concerned that the right to adequate housing is not realized for many throughout the world and that millions continue to live in substandard housing, or are experiencing homelessness, or are at immediate risk of homelessness, inadequate housing conditions, unaffordable housing, overcrowding, or settlements in natural risky areas and that the Progress report 2022 of the Sustainable Development Goals¹ highlighting that Target 11.1 – reduce the proportion of urban population living in slums – is one of 9 SDG targets having globally regressed in their implementation, with current estimates that more than 1.6 billion people currently do not have access to adequate housing;

Also concerned that in most countries, the disparity between house prices to income levels has grown while the access to finance is constrained.

The Assembly,

1. **Decides** to establish an open-ended intergovernmental working group to advise and assist the Assembly in the implementation of its mandate on adequate housing, and requests the Working Group to:

a) review the situation and technical issues related to the progressive achievement of adequate housing for

¹ <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/report/2022/Progress-Chart-2022.pdf>

- b) propose an effective framework for reporting, evaluation of local and global housing situation;
- c) advise and make recommendations to the Assembly on these matters;
- d) consider the progress made in implementing UN-Habitat's programme of work related to adequate housing;
- e) consider and make recommendations on the development and content of international guidelines for accelerating progress towards the universal achievement of safe, sustainable, adequate, and affordable housing for all including alternative solutions to full ownership of land and buildings, specifically aiming the 40% lower incomes
- f) map and evaluate both technical and financial existing multilateral and bilateral support to the development and implementation of effective housing policies providing efficient alternatives to slums
- g) consider any other matters referred to them by the Assembly or the Executive Board; and
- h) report to the Executive Board on their activities.

2. **Decides** that the rules of procedure of the Assembly shall be the rules of procedure of the Working Group.

3. **Requests** the Executive Director to provide all necessary support to regular and extraordinary meetings of the Working Group, including the conducting of research and the preparation of information documents and analysis as may be requested by the Working Group or the Executive Board;

4. **Decides** those UN regional economic commissions, and other United Nations entities with expertise and experience in adequate housing shall be invited to contribute to the activities of the Working Group;

5. **Decides** that the Working Group may invite experts, as well as representatives of specialized international organizations and of local and regional governments, to attend its meetings;

6. **Decides** that, notwithstanding the rules of procedure of the Working Group, the Executive Board will decide on the timing and duration of the sessions of the Working Group and, in any case, the Working Group shall hold not more than one regular session annually;

7. **Requests** the Executive Director to establish of a publicly accessible adequate sustainable and affordable housing platform to provide, inter alia, summaries of the most recently available data on the achievement of the recognized elements of adequate housing – disaggregated by factors such as geography, gender, age, disability and any relevant risks or causes of exclusion – and case studies, tools and best practices that may be provided by member States, local and regional governments, housing providers or other stakeholders and any other information that the Executive Director may deem relevant to the universal achievement of adequate housing for all;

8. **Urges** member States to prioritise access to adequate housing, including addressing homelessness and slum transformation, as a central element of inclusive, resilient post-pandemic recovery and achievement of Agenda 2030, the New Urban Agenda and the Paris Agreements;

9. **Calls** upon member States and local and regional authorities to expand access to safe, sustainable, adequate, and affordable housing through integrated and holistic strategies and programmes targeting all households and all status of occupation and notably aiming the 40% lower incomes households;

10. **Calls** upon member States and local and regional governments to collect and release disaggregated and local data to inform actions and monitoring the impact of measures;

11. **Encourages** member States and local and regional governments to continue developing inclusive and cross-sectoral strategies that respect, protect and fulfil the right to adequate housing for all, and to ensure that these strategies outline clear responsibilities at all levels of government, contain measurable goals, targets and timelines, and include appropriate mechanisms for regular monitoring and review, with particular emphasis on the needs of persons who are marginalized and most vulnerable;

12. **Further encourages** international financial institutions to increase the access of national and local and regional governments to financing to support the provision of safe, sustainable, adequate, and affordable housing;

13. **Invites** member States and other stakeholders to provide adequate resources for the effective implementation of this resolution.