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United Nations Human Settlements Programme
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Equitable financing and effective monitoring of the implementation of resolutions adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly

Submission by the Group of African States

The United Nations Habitat Assembly,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 69/313 of 27 July 2015 endorsing the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and its affirmation of a strong political commitment to addressing the challenge of financing and creating an enabling environment at all levels for sustainable development, and noting the challenges faced by many countries in falling behind, the dramatic increase in inequalities, and the possibility of solutions through the strengthening of public policies,

Noting the stipulations of the Istanbul Declaration on Human Settlements and the Habitat Agenda¹ of June 1996, specifically paragraph 13 on the need to mobilize financial resources at the national and international levels, including new and additional resources from all sources – multilateral and bilateral, public and private,

Affirming the importance of the effective implementation of resolutions adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly to achieve their intended goals in furtherance of the sustainable development aspirations of Member States,

Noting the importance of increasing contributions to the non-earmarked fund of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation by diversifying the donor base, including with regard to the implementation of resolutions,

Recognizing the challenges posed by the absence of effective financing and monitoring mechanisms in achieving the goals of resolutions adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly, and the effect of that absence on confidence in the organization and faith in multilateralism,

Recalling the commitments made in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development² to ensuring effective implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals,

Acknowledging the need to establish a comprehensive framework for financing resolutions adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly and monitoring their implementation,

1. *Requests* the Executive Director to implement, in consultation with the Executive Board, a system, readily accessible to Member States, for tracking the status of the implementation of resolutions adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly to ensure accountability and transparency;

¹ A/CONF.165/14.

² General Assembly resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015.

2. *Also requests* the Executive Director to continue to report regularly on the status of the implementation of resolutions adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly to the appropriate bodies for review and action as needed;
3. *Decides* to establish an urban action funding window within the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation to attract and manage funds from donors to fund the implementation of resolutions adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly that lack adequate financing; such funds may be raised from, among other sources, non-earmarked contributions designated for this purpose, as well as unspent balances of earmarked project contributions, with the permission of the donor;
4. *Requests* the Executive Director, in consultation with the Executive Board, to develop the terms of reference of the urban action funding window, noting the need to achieve the implementation of United Nations Habitat Assembly resolutions in a balanced manner;
5. *Encourages* Member States with unspent earmarked contribution balances to consider redirecting those balances for the implementation of resolutions adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly;
6. *Invites* all Member States to support the implementation of the present resolution and provide the necessary financial resources and technical assistance to ensure its effective implementation;
7. *Encourages* more Member States to contribute regularly to the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation;
8. *Requests* the Executive Director to report to the Executive Board, as appropriate, on the progress made in implementing the present resolution.
