

COMPASS HOUSING SERVICES STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE UN HABITAT III DRAFT NEW URBAN AGENDA

Compass a non-Government Community Housing Organisation in Australia and has special Consultative status (CS) with the UN Economic and Social Council (UN ECOSOC),

Compass welcomes the opportunity to make a statement on the Draft New Urban Agenda (NUA) and commends the consultative approach adopted by the UNH in actively engaging with its major stakeholders, the General Assembly of Partners, and in particular Civil Society Organisations and Special Need Groups, in the process that has led to the final draft.

We also look forward to the adoption of the NUA here at Quito and to playing a lead role in collaborating with the major stakeholders including the Australian government in its implementation, monitoring and review.

Compass fully endorses the intention to reinvigorate the global commitment to an integrated and coordinated sustainable urbanisation that is linked to and builds on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

We strongly endorsed the commitment to the concept of “cities for all” through which to articulate a strong agenda for social inclusion, poverty eradication, equity and access for all to the benefits and opportunities a sustainable urban environment is able to offer, including adequate housing.

The concept can motivate, advocate and deliver an inclusive society that observes the UN Charter on Human Rights and accords equal rights to all members of society, regardless of age, gender, religion, cultural origins or any other aspect of cultural diversity. We commend the “LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND” commitment and the vision of “SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE URBAN ECONOMIES.”

We congratulate UNH III for including housing as a key focus of the NUA and Compass strongly endorses the role that housing will play in having liveable, environmentally sound and resilient cities.

We fully endorse the promotion of national, sub-national and local integrated housing policies across all sectors that recognise the right to an adequate standard of living including adequate housing and a focus of the needs of the homeless and vulnerable.

In this regard, we would like to thank the Turnbull Government for their commitment to the Smart Cities Plan and the New Urban Agenda; to the provision of adequate housing for all and support to the most vulnerable in our society.

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