

**Preparatory Committee for the United Nations  
Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban  
Development (Habitat III)  
Second session**

Item 4 of the agenda

**Preparations for the Conference**

**Draft resolution**

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*The Preparatory Committee,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 69/226 of 19 December 2014, and in particular its paragraphs 11 and 17,

*Taking note* of the proposed thematic areas, issue papers being developed and policy units to be established in the context of the preparations for its third Session, bearing in mind that additional issue papers may be developed,

*Acknowledging* that the issue papers as well as outputs of policy units are intended to serve as informative technical inputs for consideration by participating States\* during their deliberations in preparation of the outcome document of the Conference,

*1. Requests* the Secretary-General of the Conference to make all possible efforts, in collaboration with relevant United Nations specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, to publish all the issue papers on the conference website as soon as possible, and no later than 31 May 2015, and provide translations, subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources,

*2. Invites* participating States\* to transmit to the Secretary-General of the Conference written comments on the final issue papers from the secretariat, preferably by the end of June 2015, and to be followed by the consultative process to be undertaken involving stakeholders, including local authorities and their associations in July 2015; all comments will be published on the conference website immediately after receipt by the Secretariat to ensure full transparency,

*3. Calls upon* participating States\* to support the work of the policy units, including by nominating suitably qualified technical experts to compose them, with a view to facilitating the elaboration of policy recommendations which may contribute, together with the inputs from broad regional and thematic consultations among all stakeholders, to the work

to be undertaken by the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee to prepare the draft outcome document of the Conference;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the Conference, in close consultation with the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee, in selecting technical experts to compose each policy unit, to keep a balance between Government-nominated technical experts and others, guided also by equitable geographical representation and gender balance;

5. *Also requests* the Secretary-General of the Conference to make available for comments, as early as possible but no later than by the end of December 2015, on the conference website, the final outputs of the policy units and to notify participating States\* and all accredited stakeholders accordingly;

6. *Invites* participating States\* and all accredited stakeholders to transmit their comments in relation to paragraph 5 above to the Secretary-General of the Conference no later than January 2016 and *requests* the Secretary-General to publish these comments on the conference website;

7. *Requests* the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee, in preparing the draft outcome document, to take into account the comments received;

8. *Encourages* the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee to distribute to all participating States\* , as early as possible and no later than six months in advance of the Conference, the draft outcome document of the Conference;

9. *Decides* to take into account, at its third Session, in its deliberations on the draft outcome document, inputs from informal consultations to be convened in New York, while respecting the mandate foreseen in paragraph 17 of resolution 69/226.

\*According to paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 67/216 participating States are all States Members of the United Nations and members of specialized agencies and of the International Atomic Energy Agency.