

Oral statement by the Secretariat in connection with draft resolution A/C.2/75/L.30 titled "Implementation of the outcomes of the United Nations Conferences on Human Settlements and on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)."

1. This oral statement is made in accordance with Rule 153 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly.

2. Under the terms of operative paragraph 17 of draft resolution A/C.2/75/L.30, the General Assembly would:

Call upon UN-Habitat to continue providing normative guidance and operational support to cities and communities during the COVID-19 recovery to foster inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable cities and to strengthen the urban dimension in response to the pandemic to achieve sustainable development (i) by facilitating the implementation of the UN systemwide strategy for sustainable urban development in close cooperation with UN resident coordinator system, (ii) by supporting efforts of the Statistical Commission to establish a functional definition of urban areas and develop a common methodology for aggregating subnational urban statistics, (iii) by aligning and sequencing the strategic planning process of UN-Habitat with the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review in consultation with the UN-Habitat Assembly and its Executive Board, within their respective mandate, (iv) by expanding efforts to establish contribution arrangements to secure predictable and stable general purpose funding for UN-Habitat's normative and operational activities and (v) decides to hold a Special Session of the General Assembly to review progress of the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) entitled, "New Urban Agenda," in New York, in April 2022, on dates to be determined in consultation with the President of the seventy-sixth session of the General Assembly.

3. With regard to the Special Session of the General Assembly to review progress of the implementation of the outcome of the "New Urban Agenda" to be held in New York in April 2022, as per operative paragraph 17 of draft resolution A/C.2/75/L.30, it is understood that issues related to the Special Session including its format and scope are yet to be determined. In the absence of modalities for the Special Session, it is not possible at the present time to estimate the potential costs implications of the requirements for the Special Session. Upon the decision on the format, scope and modalities of the Special Session, the

Secretary-General would submit the relevant costs of such requirements in accordance with Rule 153 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly.

4. Accordingly, at this time, the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/75/L.30 would not entail any budgetary implications with regard to the programme budget.