

Oral statement by the Secretariat in connection with draft resolution A/C.2/75/L.48 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.48, the General Assembly would:

Call upon UN-Habitat to continue providing normative guidance and operational support to cities and human settlements 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 expanding efforts to secure predictable and stable general purpose funding for UN-Habitat's normative and operational activities while noting the UN-Habitat Executive Board's work in this regard and its approval of the draft resource mobilization strategy reflected in the report of the UN-Habitat Executive Director, (iv) requests the President of the General Assembly, within the existing conference-servicing entitlement of the General Assembly, to convene a one-day High-Level Meeting during the seventy-sixth session in 2022, in collaboration with UN-Habitat, in New York, to assess progress on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda adopted at the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III), taking into account the Secretary General's quadrennial report to be presented that year, also calls for voluntary contributions for the preparations of the meeting and encourages the Regional Forums for Sustainable Development to include this topic in their deliberations as inputs for the meeting.

3. With regard to the high-level meeting during the seventy-sixth session in 2022 in New York, as per operative paragraph 17 of draft resolution A/C.2/75/L.48, it is understood that the high-level meeting, which would be held within the conference-servicing entitlement of the General Assembly to be approved for the 2022 programme budget, would consist of one day of two

meetings, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, in all six official languages, without parallel or extended meetings. Furthermore, it is understood that the preparation and translation of pre-session and post-session documents of the high-level meeting would be funded by voluntary contributions.

4. Accordingly, at this time, the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/75/L.48 would not entail any budgetary implications with regard to the programme budget.