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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Implementation of the Outcome of the United

Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) (ONU-

Habitat)

SUBMITTED TO: The Second Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Austria, Cyprus, Ireland, Spain, Sweden,

Switzerland

The Second Committee

*Reaffirming* all past resolutions passed on this matter, including resolutions stated in A/RES/61/206,

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Further reaffirming all past resolutions within the Economic and Social Council the latest of which is 2006/247 of 27 July 2006,

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Recognizing the Habitat Agenda, the Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium, the Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development, the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, the Monterrey Consensus of the International Conference on Financing for Development and the 2005 World Summit Outcome,

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Recognizing also the United Nations Millennium Declarations' goal of improving the lives of at least 100 million slum dwellers by 2020 and halving the amount of people who lack access to safe drinking water and sanitation by 2015, found in the Plan of Implementation of The World Summit on Sustainable Development ("Johannesburg Plan of Implementation"),

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Noting with approval the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) vision of two global campaigns on secure tenure and urban governance as points for effective implementation of the Habitat Agenda and as a guiding tool for the international community,

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Having heard the report entitled State of the World's Cities 2006/7: the Millennium Development Goals and Urban Sustainability- 30 Years of Shaping the Habitat Agenda,

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28 Fully aware of the reports by the Secretary-General on the coordinated 29 implementation of the Habitat Agenda, E/2006/71 of 10 May 2006 and implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and 30 31 Strengthening of the UN-habitat, A/61/262 of 15 August 2006, 32 33 34 Observing the urgent need of increased voluntary financial contributions to the 35 United Nations Habitat and the Human Settlements Foundation by the international 36 community, 37 38 Recognizing the efforts by UN-Habitat to build up relations with the United 39 Nations Development Programme, the World Bank and other international organizations: 40 41 1. Emphasizes the objectives set forth in the Millennium Developmental Goals 42 and the importance of each nation to implement strategies to achieve such goals within 43 their border; 44 45 2. Requests that each Member States' needs be considered individually, according 46 to their predetermined needs as well as reports and indexes produced by other United Nations bodies, in order to give the help that is pertinent to each Member States' 47 48 development; 49 50 3. Recommends that a ladder or bench-mark system be set forth and initiated by 51 the United Nations Habitat in cooperation with regional bodies to ensure the proper use of 52 funds set forth by the UN-Habitat; 53 54 4. Further recommends that each Member State be accountable for the use of 55 their funds in order to form a high level of transparency to be overseen by the UN-56 Habitat; 57 58 5. Supports the cooperation and donations by private international donors and 59 other institutions in civil society; 60 61 6. Promotes Member States to share information and technology, including but 62 not limited to alternative energy, sanitation and infrastructure; 63 64 7. Affirms the advantage of capacity building for the international community to 65 increase the development of nations; 66 67 8. Calls upon the internal cooperation of governments with communities inside 68 their borders to ensure strong local involvement in the development of urban areas; 69 70 9. Encourages consistent, predictable donations of funds and resources by 71 Member States; 72 73 10. Further encourages the continued efforts by UN-Habitat to create strong

- relationships with organizations such as the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, and Non-Governmental Organizations.

Passed, Yes: 20 / No: 56 / Abstain: 16