Preparatory Committee for the United Nations
Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban
Development (Habitat III)
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Organizational matters: special accreditation of major groups
and other relevant stakeholders for the preparatory process
and the Conference

Special accreditation of non-governmental organizations
and other major groups without consultative status with the
Economic and Social Council

Note by the Secretariat

1. The General Assembly, in annex II of its resolution 70/210 of 22 December
2015 on the arrangements for accreditation and participation of major groups and
other relevant stakeholders in the preparatory process and in the United Nations
Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) decided,
inter alia, that those non-governmental organizations and major groups not in
consultative status with the Economic and Social Council but wishing to attend and
to contribute to the Conference and its preparatory process may apply to the
Conference secretariat for that purpose. Such special accreditation would be limited
solely to the Conference and its preparatory process. In the same resolution, the
General Assembly decided that the Conference secretariat, with support from the
United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service and others, as appropriate,
would review the relevance of the work of the applicants on the basis of their
background and involvement in sustainable urban development issues.

2. Applications for special accreditation were made online at the website of the
Conference (www.habitat3.org). The Conference secretariat received 341 applications
by 1 June 2016. The annex to the present note contains the list of non-governmental
organizations and other major groups recommended by the Secretariat for special
accreditation. The full list of organizations that applied for special accreditation is
available on the Conference website (www.habitat3secretariat.org).

* A/CONF.226/PC.3/1.
Annex

https://www.habitat3.org/file/533701/view/585585