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.