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Draft resolution on accreditation

Submitted by the United States of America and the European Union

The Governing Council,

Recalling its resolution 19/1 of 9 May 2003 entitled “Rules of procedure of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme”, and in particular rules 64, 65 and 66 regarding the role of local authorities and other Habitat Agenda partners in the deliberations of the Governing Council and its subsidiary bodies,

Recalling also its resolution 19/8 of 9 May 2003, in which it decided to reconfirm, on request, the accreditation to the Governing Council of local authorities and other Habitat Agenda partners that were accredited to the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and to the special session of the United Nations General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda held in New York from 6 to 8 June 2001,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 70/210 of 22 December 2015, in which the Assembly approved the provisional rules of procedure for the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III), held in Quito from 17 to 20 October 2016, and the arrangements for accreditation and participation of major groups and other stakeholders in the preparatory process and in Habitat III as set out in annexes I and II to the resolution,

Recognizing the need to reform the accreditation system, in consultation with member States, drawing on best practices and models from relevant multilateral institutions, to ensure the active participation of all relevant stakeholders, the monitoring of accreditation, and the enhancement of transparency and accountability,

1. *Decides* to reconfirm, upon request, the accreditation to the Governing Council of the stakeholders that were accredited to Habitat III;
2. *Requests* the Executive Director to disseminate widely all relevant information on the procedures for the accreditation of stakeholder organizations to sessions of the Governing Council;

3. *Also requests* the Executive Director, in consultation with member States, to develop a draft stakeholder engagement policy, drawing on best practices and models from relevant multilateral institutions and exploring new mechanisms to promote transparency and the effective engagement of civil society, and to submit the draft policy by the end of 2017 for consideration by the Committee of Permanent Representatives with a view to submitting it for consideration and possible approval by the Governing Council at its twenty-seventh session.
