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researchers and students

Good Morning (Afternoon)

I am Charisma Acey (Eugenie Birch), representing the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) based in the United States. The ACSP is a member of the Research and Academia Partner Constituent Group of the General Assembly of Partners (GAP). As an association of planning educators, the ACSP promotes education, research, service, and outreach in the US by pursuing several goals including:

- Recognizing and addressing the diverse needs and interests in planning
- Extending planning beyond the classroom into the world of practice

In this context, the ACSP is solidly behind the *New Urban Agenda* and, in particular, paragraph 93 that acknowledges “the principles and strategies for urban and territorial planning contained in the *International Guidelines on Urban and Territorial Planning*, approved by the Governing Council of UN-Habitat in its [resolution 25/6 of 23 April 2015](#).”

In addition, in conjunction with paragraphs 128 and 129 of the *New Urban Agenda*, the ACSP pledges to work with other relevant stakeholders and partners to implement the NUA. We will generate evidence-based and practical guidance to train a new generation of planning practitioners and researchers in socially just and sustainable urban development. We will work with UN-Habitat to develop its normative knowledge and ability to provide capacity development and tools at the national, subnational and local government levels.

In conclusion, we encourage UN-Habitat to pursue a new partnership strategy based on constituency-based, inclusive, equitable, innovative, expanded stakeholder engagement (platforms/networks) building on the legacy of Habitat III. The success of the *New Urban Agenda* depends on strong partnerships and stakeholders.