
The [United Nations Habitat Assembly] [Executive Board],

Recalling resolution 26/4 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), on promoting safety in cities and human settlements, in which the Executive Director was requested to continue close consultations with the relevant agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system, to seek the views of member States on the draft guidelines and to submit the guidelines for its consideration,

Having considered the report of the Executive Director of UN-Habitat, which highlighted the progress made in developing the draft United Nations system-wide guidelines on safer cities and human settlements,

Recalling resolution 23/14 of the Governing Council, and recalling also Governing Council resolution 24/6, in which it called upon UN-Habitat to accelerate the effective implementation of the Safer Cities Programme and recognized the growing involvement of local authorities through the Global Network on Safer Cities,

Acknowledging the complementarity of the draft United Nations system-wide guidelines on safer cities and human settlements with the Guidelines for the Prevention of Crime,

Taking note of resolution 25/4 of the Governing Council, in which it requested the Executive Director to create an inter-agency framework on safer cities and human settlements,

Noting with appreciation the financial contribution of the Governments of Germany, South Africa and Sweden to support the process of consultation and drafting of the United Nations system-wide guidelines on safer cities and human settlements,

[Aware of the universal character of urban crime and violence and its negative impact on the realization of sustainable urban development and human settlements,]

[Recognizing the usefulness of establishing United Nations system-wide guidelines on safer cities and human settlements to facilitate the standardization of norms for the prevention of crime and the enhancement of safety for all,]

Seeking to respond to the calls by Member States for technical cooperation programmes on safer cities and human settlements that are adapted to local conditions and needs,

1. [Adopts] [Launches] the United Nations System-wide Guidelines on Safer Cities and Human Settlements, annexed to the present resolution, which were considered by

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1 HSP/HA/1/2/Add.3.
2 Economic and Social Council resolution 2002/13, annex.
the Committee of Permanent Representatives at its seventy-first and seventy-second sessions and by relevant United Nations agencies, programmes and funds, as well as by non-State actors, including organizations representing the private sector, women, young people and children, and which are designed to make urban crime prevention and urban safety more effective, in line with the New Urban Agenda\(^3\) and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;\(^4\)

2. *Requests* the General Assembly to ensure the publication of the Guidelines;

3. *Invites* Member States, taking into account the Guidelines, to establish a review mechanism and report to the Secretary-General on their experiences in elaborating and evaluating projects dealing with crime prevention and safety in cities and human settlements;

4. *Encourages* Member States to continue to engage with local authorities and other stakeholders, including those from civil society, towards the promotion and further refinement of their approaches to safer cities and human settlements;

5. *Invites* the United Nations agencies, programmes and funds working in the field of urban crime prevention and urban safety to share their experiences in making cities and human settlements safer;

6. *Requests* the Executive Director to transmit the Guidelines to the General Assembly, with a view to the development of an inter-agency framework in support of the role of UN-Habitat as a focal point in the United Nations system for sustainable urbanization;

7. *Also requests* the Executive Director to consider practical ways of following up on the use and application of the guidelines, [including through the allocation of appropriate financial resources,] for the effective implementation of the Safer Cities Programme and partnerships with other United Nations bodies, local authorities and associations thereof, relevant international professional associations, non-governmental organizations and other major groups;

8. *Calls upon* Member States and international financial institutions to consider the inclusion of safer cities projects dealing with urban crime prevention and urban safety for all in their assistance programmes;

9. *Requests* the Executive Director, in close consultation with Member States and other relevant stakeholders, to report on progress made in the implementation of the present resolution to the United Nations Habitat Assembly at its second session.

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\(^3\) General Assembly resolution 71/256.

\(^4\) General Assembly resolution 70/1.