



Reaction of the Communitas Secretariat to the Zero Draft of the New Urban Agenda

The revised draft is no doubt a miracle of language streamlining by the co-facilitators and they should be wholeheartedly congratulated for this as the process has come quite far. Compared to the original, there are powerful improvements, but also some important losses and frustrating missed opportunities, for instance on follow-up and review.

From a more conceptual point of view, there is room for concern about the mild level of ambition at this advanced stage of the process. Commitments are there along the declaration and the action plan, but overall, the draft still feels like the “perfect essay on sustainable urban development.” It still misses the opportunity of identifying a few “Quito mandates” - concrete initiatives or actions - by which HIII will be remembered over the years and that will confer the NUA with a specific and unique identity and impact among other UN process. Unless there is a vocal majority of member states calling for a change in approach to the text - which is understandably difficult and risky at this late stage of the process - or the co-facilitators are allowed by the membership to inject a “higher level of ambition and vision specific to the NUA,” to overcome the “intergovernmental process fatigue,” we will be straight jacketed in the current approach.

As the clock heavily ticks in this race against the October – or the July! – deadline, the diplomatic machinery is proving efficient in producing a relatively concise and comprehensive conference outcome document on the basis of commonly agreed language and previous international agreements, in order to ring a fence around controversial areas. Again, we should applaud all parties involved - co-chairs, co-facilitators, the bureau, member states, the secretariat, policy unit experts and major groups and other stakeholders for this. A concise and comprehensive outcome document is already a leap forward. The big looming question that remains open is whether this is enough and rises to the opportunity of a once-in-generation cycle, such as HIII is.

Declaration - Edits and additions

1. We, the Heads of State and Government and High Representatives, have gathered at the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) from 17 to 20 October 2016 in Quito, Ecuador, with the participation of regional and local authorities, civil society organizations, the private sector, the professionals, the technical, scientific and academic community, major groups and other relevant stakeholders, to adopt a New Urban Agenda that harnesses the potential of cities and human settlements to help eradicate poverty in all its forms and dimensions, reduce inequalities, promote inclusive growth, **combat climate change, improve human and environmental health** and achieve sustainable development.
3. By the year 2050, the world urban population is expected to nearly double, posing massive sustainability challenges in terms of housing, infrastructure, basic services **and transport, health, education, jobs, social cohesion/inclusion, climate and resilience, air pollution, natural resources management**

and balanced urban and territorial development for urban rural linkages among others. There is a need to address the way cities and human settlements are planned, developed, governed, managed and financed.

4. After the historic adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development -- including the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) --, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, the Paris Agreement under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, as well as the Small Island Developing States Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway, the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020 and the Vienna Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014-2024, we take full account of the need to effectively and efficiently implement our commitments with a people-centred vision so they can result in improved living conditions of cities and human settlements dwellers in harmony with nature.

5. Building on the unfinished business of the Millennium Development Goals and the Habitat Agenda of 1996, and fully linking with and building upon the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, this New Urban Agenda shall reinvigorate the global commitment to sustainable urban development, which is now more critical than ever as populations, economic activities, social interactions and environmental impacts, are increasingly concentrated in cities.

7. We anchor our vision on the concept of cities and human settlements for all, which in some countries is understood as the Right to the City, and compiles the shared systemization of existing rights, seeking to ensure that all inhabitants, of present and future generations, are able to inhabit, use, and produce just, inclusive, accessible and sustainable cities, which exist as a common good essential to quality of life.

9. We envisage cities and human settlements that:

- (a) fulfill their social function for all inhabitants, including the social and ecological functions of land, ensuring the full and progressive realization of the right to adequate housing, as well as equal access for all to public goods and services, food security and nutrition, quality and accessible public spaces, livelihoods and decent work.
- (b) are participatory, engage all their citizens and engender a sense of belonging and ownership among all their inhabitants, practice civic engagement and prioritize the collectively defined public interest, enhance social, interactions and political participation, promote socio-cultural expressions, embrace diversity, and foster social cohesion and safety, while meeting the needs and ensuring the accessibility of all inhabitants.
- (c) empower all women and girls, especially through their full and equal participation in decision-making, equal employment opportunities and pay, and preventing and eliminating significantly reducing all forms of violence in private and public spaces.
- (d) meet the challenges and opportunities of future growth, enhancing urban economies with high productivity and value-added activities, harnessing productive local economies, including the formal and informal sectors, while promoting gender-responsive planning and investment for safe and sustainable urban mobility systems for passengers and freight that link people, goods, places, services and economic opportunities.
- (e) fulfill their territorial functions beyond the administrative boundaries, and act as hubs and drivers for balanced sustainable and integrated territorial development across urban, peri urban and rural areas and different scales of cities and towns.
- (f) promote disaster risk reduction and that are resilient to natural and man-made hazards as well as protect, respect and value their ecosystems, natural

habitats and biodiversity, **practice production and consumption patterns in harmony with nature and** reduce their environmental impact.

11. We also resolve to commit to a New Urban Agenda that will:

- (a) transform the way we plan, develop, govern, ~~and~~ manage **and finance our** cities and human settlements, recognizing sustainable urban development as an essential instrument to achieve prosperity for all and sustainable development.
- (b) deploy people-centered, **sustainable** and **planet sensitive** integrated approaches to urban ~~developmentization~~ by implementing policies, legal frameworks, strategies, and actions at all levels based on a set of four universally applicable fundamental drivers of change:
 - i. Developing and implementing national urban policies within a renewed local-national partnership **with subnational and local governments as well as civil society stakeholders** building integrated national systems of cities and human settlements, toward the achievement of national development targets, **balancing and integrating urban and rural development**;
 - ii. Strengthening urban legislation, providing predictability and order in the urban development plans to enable social and economic **inclusion**, wealth creation **and environmental protection**.
 - iii. Reinvigorate **balanced and integrated** urban and territorial planning in order to optimize the spatial dimension **of sustainable urban development** the urban form and deliver the urban advantage **and foster equitable development across the urban rural continuum**;
 - iv. Supporting effective financing frameworks enabling strengthened municipal finance and local fiscal systems in order to create, sustain and share the value generated by sustainable urban development.

13. We affirm that, while the specific circumstances of different urban areas **and human settlements** vary, the New Urban Agenda is universal in scope, setting out priorities and actions at the global, regional, national, sub-national, and local levels that stakeholders in every country can adapt to their needs, either alone or in partnership, under a long-term and people-centered vision.

14. We acknowledge that in implementing the New Urban Agenda particular attention should be paid to addressing the unique and emerging urban ~~developmentization~~ challenges facing all countries, in particular African countries, least developed countries, landlocked developing countries, and Small Island Developing States, as well as the specific challenges facing the middle-income countries and those of countries and territories under foreign occupation, countries in conflict or post-conflict situations, and countries affected by natural disasters. Particular attention should also be paid to addressing the specific challenges facing women and girls, children and youth, older persons, persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples, grassroots organizations, informal inhabitants and workers, **smallholder and family farmers**, refugees, returnees and internally displaced persons, and migrants, regardless of migratory status.

REINSERTION OF PARA 15 OF ORIGINAL ZERO DRAFT - We recognize the engagement and commitment of all major groups and other relevant stakeholders in the Habitat III preparatory process, especially the second World Assembly of Local and Regional Authorities and the General Assembly of Partners for Habitat III. We emphasize that the New Urban Agenda is a collective vision, and its effectiveness will rely on the full and meaningful participation of all in its implementation, follow-up, and review.

Quito Implementation Plan for the New Urban Agenda - Edits and additions

A. The Transformative Commitments for Sustainable Urban Development

18. To fully harness the potential of sustainable urban **development** ~~ization~~, we make the following transformative commitments anchored on the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development

20. We recognize that urban form, ~~and~~ infrastructure design **and transport systems** are among the greatest drivers of cost efficiencies, clustering co-benefits, energy efficiency, productivity and sustainable growth in the urban economy.

REINSERT FORMER PARA 21. We commit to empower subnational and local governments and other local actors to promote local economic development with the inclusion of all the appropriate industries in each locality.

25. We commit to support territorial systems that integrate urban and rural functions into the ~~national and sub-national~~ spatial framework and **across different scales of cities and towns** ~~the system of cities~~, promoting **sustainable** ~~efficient~~ use of land and natural resources, ensuring reliable supply and value chains that connect urban and rural demand and supply **and to fostering equitable** ~~regional~~ development **across the rural urban continuum** ~~to bridge social and economic gaps~~.

26. We commit to encourage urban-rural interactions and connectivity by strengthening transport, technology and communication networks and infrastructure, underpinned by planning instruments based on an **integrated** territorial approach in order to maximize the potential of these sectors for enhanced productivity, social, **and** economic, ~~and territorial~~ cohesion, and environmental sustainability. This should include connectivity between cities and their surroundings, rural and peri-urban areas, as well as greater land-sea connections, where appropriate.

27. We commit to develop urban spatial frameworks, including urban planning and design instruments that promote **sustainable** ~~efficient~~ use of land, compactness, polycentrism, mixed uses, and appropriate density, through infill or planned extension strategies, to trigger economies of scale and agglomeration, and enhance resource efficiency.

28. We also commit to promote **inclusive and accessible** public **and green** spaces as drivers of economic development, **social cohesion and health**, leveraging their potential to generate increased property value, and to facilitate business and livelihoods opportunities both in the formal and informal sectors.

29. We commit to increase economic productivity through the generation and use of sustainable energy and **expansion of space efficient sustainable** transport infrastructure, achieving the benefits of connectivity and reducing the financial, environmental, and public health costs of **traffic accidents**, congestion, air pollution, and noise. We also commit to pay particular attention to the energy and transport needs of the working poor and people living in informal settlements **and other vulnerable situations**

30. We commit to promote a healthy society and labor force with the knowledge and skills to contribute to an innovative and competitive urban economy, by ensuring universal access to **adequate, affordable** and quality public services, social infrastructure and facilities, such as healthcare, culture and

education facilities, among others. We commit to generate **decent and** productive employment, ~~decent work~~, and livelihood opportunities in cities and human settlements with special attention to the needs and potential of women, youth and persons with disabilities, in particular the poorest and **those in** most vulnerable **situations**, and to ensure that all people have access to income-earning opportunities, respecting and leveraging culture and territorial specificity.

31. We commit to create **in cities and human settlements** an enabling, fair and responsible business environment, based on the principles of ~~environmental~~ sustainability and inclusivity, promoting investments, innovations, and entrepreneurship. We also commit to address the challenges faced by local business communities, through supporting micro, small and medium -enterprises and cooperatives, in particular businesses and enterprises in the social and solidarity economy, operating in both the formal and informal sectors.

32. We commit to recognize the working poor in the informal economy as contributors and legitimate actors of the urban economies, including the unpaid and domestic workers. A gradual approach to formalization, **where appropriate**, will be developed to preserve and enhance informal livelihoods while extending access to legal and social protections, as well as support services to the informal workforce.

33. We commit to sustain and support ~~urban economies to progressively transition to~~ higher productivity jobs **in the urban economy** through high value added sectors, promoting diversification, technological upgrading and innovation, including the creation of qualified jobs in both the formal and informal sectors through cultural and creative industries, tourism, performing arts, and heritage conservation activities, among others.

34. We commit to harness the urban demographic dividend, where applicable, and promote access for youth to education and skills development, as critical to achieve increased **urban** productivity and shared prosperity. in cities. We also commit to address the social, economic, ~~and~~ spatial **and infrastructure** implications of ageing populations, where applicable, and harness the ageing factor as an opportunity for new jobs and growth, while improving the quality of life of a significant share of the urban population. We further commit to empowerment of all women and girls in order to enable their effective, full, and equal participation in the urban economy, **jobs and livelihoods**.

36. We commit to people-centered urban development and to the realization of human rights of all, facilitating living together, combating all forms of discrimination, and empowering all individuals and communities, while enabling their full and meaningful participation. We further commit to promote culture and respect for diversity as key elements in the humanization of our **cities and human settlements**.

37. We commit to effectively promote urban **and territorial** equity and ensure that no one is left behind from the equally-shared opportunities and benefits that urbanization can offer, enabling all inhabitants, with temporary or permanent status, whether living in formal or informal settlements, to lead decent, dignified, and rewarding lives and to achieve their full human potential. We commit to strengthen synergies between international migration and development at all levels, including the global, regional, national, sub-national and local levels. We further commit to support refugees, displaced persons and migrants -- regardless of their migratory status -- as well as their host communities, ensuring full respect for human rights and recognized that, although the movement of large populations into towns and cities poses a variety of challenges, their economic, social, and cultural contributions to urban life is significant.

45. We commit to develop universally safe, inclusive, accessible, green and quality public spaces, including streets, sidewalks, squares, gardens and parks that are multi-functional areas for social interaction and inclusion, economic exchange and cultural expression among a wide diversity of people, and which

are designed and managed to ensure human development **and social cohesion**, to build peaceful and democratic societies **and to** promote cultural diversity ~~and reduce social exclusion~~.

46. We commit to embrace diversity in cities, ~~to strengthen social cohesion~~, intercultural understanding, tolerance, mutual respect, gender equality, innovation, inclusion, identity and safety, as well as to foster livability and a vibrant urban economy. We also commit to adapt our local institutions to promote peaceful co-existence within increasingly heterogeneous and multi-cultural societies.

48. We commit to ensure a safe and secure environment in cities for all to live, work, and participate in urban life without fear of violence and intimidation, taking into consideration that certain social groups **including** ~~particularly~~ women, **and** children and youth ~~girls~~, are particularly affected by urban violence.

49. We commit to promote sustainable institutional, political, and financial mechanisms in cities and human settlements to broaden ~~and~~ inclusive democratic platforms that allow meaningful participation in decision-making and planning processes **to all social groups**. We also commit to support **subnational and** local governments in fulfilling their key role in strengthening the interface among all stakeholders, offering opportunities for dialogue, including through gender-responsive approaches and with particular attention to the rights and needs of and potential contributions from all segments of society, including men and women, children and youth, older persons and persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples, and migrants, regardless of their migratory status, race, ethnicity, and socio-economic status.

NEW PARA We commit to transparent and accountable institutions, as well as to open and public data in dealing with the organization and management of the city and its spaces.

50. We recognize that cities and human settlements face unprecedented global threats from unsustainable consumption and production patterns, loss of biodiversity both inside and in proximity to urban centers, pollution, **food insecurity** disasters and climate change related risks, undermining the efforts to eradicate poverty in all its forms and dimensions and to achieve sustainable development. Given cities' central role in the global economy, demographic trends, resources, and ecosystems, the way they are planned, developed, governed, ~~and~~ managed **and financed** has a direct impact on sustainability and resilience well beyond the urban boundaries.

51. We also recognize that urban centers worldwide often have characteristics that make them especially vulnerable to the effects of climate change **and disasters**, including extreme weather events, flooding, dust and sand storms, and sea level rise particularly affecting coastal areas, delta regions and small island developing states (SIDS) among others.

52. We commit to facilitate and support urban development in a manner that preserves rapidly diminishing natural resources, protects and improves the urban ecosystem and environmental services, promotes disaster risk reduction **and enables sustainable consumption and production**, while promoting sustainable economic development and people's well-being, through environmentally sound planning, infrastructure and basic services, enhancing the quality of life of the inhabitants.

58. We commit to urban **and territorial** planning processes that incorporate integrated water resources planning and management, considering urban-rural

linkages, at the local and territorial scales, ensuring the participation of multiple sectors, stakeholders, and communities.

61. We commit to support **subnational and** local authorities to develop renewable energy and energy efficiency which are essential to enable reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, achieve sustainable consumption and production patterns, and create new jobs, improve public health, and reduce the costs of energy supply.

65. We commit to promote national, sub-national and local climate action, including climate change adaptation and mitigation, and to support cities, their inhabitants and all local stakeholders as key implementers. We further commit to support the shift to a low- greenhouse gas emissions energy **and transport systems** in urban areas, consistent with the objective of the Paris Agreement on climate change of holding the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels and pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels.

B. Effective Implementation

66. We recognize that the realization of the transformative commitments set out in the New Urban Agenda will require national, sub-national, and local governments to ensure an enabling policy framework, integrated by planning and management of urban **and territorial** spatial development, and effective means of implementation at the national, sub-national, and local levels, complemented and supported by international cooperation.

68. We will anchor the effective implementation of the New Urban Agenda on inclusive and implementable national urban policies, including land and housing policies, to guide sustainable urban development as an integral part of the national development strategy, supported by appropriate national, sub-national and local institutional and regulatory frameworks, ensuring that they are adequately linked to finance mechanisms and sound **territorial and** urban planning guidelines.

69. We will foster stronger coordination between national, sub-national, and local governments including through formal multi-level consultation mechanisms and by clearly defining the respective competences, tools and resources for each level of government.

70. We will ensure coherence between goals and measures of sectorial policies at different levels and scales of political administration in order to strengthen integrated approaches to urbanization and implement urban **and territorial** planning strategies that factor them in.

72. We will ~~support~~ strengthening the capacity of sub-national governments to implement effective local and metropolitan governance, ensuring the involvement of both local and regional governments in decision making, providing them with authority over critical metropolitan concerns. We will promote metropolitan governance that encompasses democratic legitimacy, legal frameworks, and reliable financing mechanisms.

74. We will promote participatory approaches at all stages of the urban **and territorial** policy and planning processes, from conceptualization to design, budgeting, implementation, monitoring and evaluation routed in new forms of direct partnership between governments **at all levels** and civil society through well-resourced permanent mechanisms and platforms open to all.

75.	We will put in place broad-based platforms and mechanisms for cooperation, consultation and review processes that create ownership among different stakeholders, for the elaboration, monitoring and continuous review of urban and territorial policies, including land and housing policies, with the goal of informing any amendments, as appropriate.
79.	We reaffirm and reiterate the principles and strategies for urban and territorial planning agreed upon in the International Guidelines on Urban and Territorial Planning, adopted by the Governing Council of UN-Habitat at its 25th session in April 2015.
80.	We will implement integrated , polycentric and balanced territorial development strategies policies and plans , encouraging mutual support among different scales of cities and town , strengthening the role of small and intermediate towns cities and providing access to housing, infrastructure and services across the urban rural continuum. In doing so, we will be mindful of in encouraging systemic approaches that will enable and facilitate territorial functions in areas such as water and sanitation, food security, nutrition or ecosystem services.
NEW PARA We will implement urban and territorial plans enhancing food security and nutrition systems, providing access to housing, infrastructure and services, and facilitate effective trade links, ensuring that smallholder and family scale farmers are linked to larger supply chains across the urban rural continuum. We will also support urban and periurban agriculture and farming as an option to contribute to food security.	
81.	We will implement urban and territorial plans including city-region and metropolitan plans, to encourage synergies and interactions between and among separate urban areas, and their rural surroundings, including the cross-border, peri urban ones and develop regional infrastructure projects that stimulate sustainable economic productivity and promoting equitable growth of regions across the urban rural continuum . In this regard we will promote urban-rural partnerships and inter-municipal cooperation mechanisms as effective instruments to perform municipal administrative tasks, deliver public services and promote both local and regional or metropolitan development.
82.	We will implement planned urban extensions, infill, as well as regeneration, upgrading and retrofitting of urban areas, as appropriate, including in informal settlements, ensuring integrated and participatory approaches involving all stakeholders and inhabitants, avoiding gentrification and reducing spatial and socio-economic segregation, while preserving cultural heritage.
83.	We will promote urban and territorial planning based on the principles of efficient use of land and natural resources, compactness, adequate density and connectivity, multiple use of space, as well as mixed economic uses in the built up areas, to prevent sprawl, to reduce optimize mobility needs and service delivery costs per capita, and harness density, economies of scale and agglomeration.
85.	We will support the provision of well-designed networks of quality, safe and accessible public and green spaces and streets, considering measures that allow for the best possible commercial use of street-level floors, fostering local markets and commerce, both formal and informal, promoting walkability and cycling towards improving health and well-being.
86.	We will integrate climate change adaptation and mitigation considerations and measures into urban and territorial development and planning processes, including resilience-based design of spaces, services and infrastructure and promoting cooperation and coordination across sectors.

87.	We will integrate measures for urban safety and violence, and crime prevention into all urban planning efforts, including in informal areas, and pay particular attention to vulnerability and cultural factors in the development of public security policies, including by eliminating the stigmatization of certain groups as security threats.
90.	We will develop policies that promote a wide range of alternative housing options and recommend consider shifting from a balanced approach between a predominantly private ownership to and other rental and tenure options, including cooperative solutions such as co-housing, community land trust, and other forms of collective tenure, in order to improve the supply of affordable housing. This will include support to incremental housing and informal settlements upgrading programs.
91.	We will increase the allocation of financial and human resources for inclusive slum upgrading and prevention strategies that go beyond physical and environmental improvements and ensure that slums are integrated into the political, social, cultural, and economic dimensions of cities. These strategies should include, as applicable, access to affordable basic services and quality safe public and green spaces, as well as support to regularization and promotion of security of tenure, as well as measures for conflict prevention and mediation.
92.	We will promote the development of adequate and enforceable regulations in the housing sector, including resilient building codes, standards, development permits, land use by-laws and ordinances, and planning regulations, ensuring quality, safety and resilience. We will also promote differentiated analysis of housing supply and demand based on high-quality, timely, and reliable disaggregated data at national, sub-national and local levels, considering specific social, economic, and cultural dimensions.
94.	We will take measures to improve road safety and integrate it into sustainable mobility and transport infrastructure planning and design. We will promote the “safe system approach” called for in the UN Decade of Action for Road Safety, which includes implementation of the United Nations vehicle safety regulations, accompanied by awareness raising initiatives, with special attention to the needs of all women and girls, as well as children and youth, older persons and persons with disabilities and those in vulnerable situations.
95.	<p>We will provide access for all to safe, affordable, sustainable urban and metropolitan mobility and transport systems, enabling meaningful participation in social and economic activities in cities and human settlements, by integrating mobility plans into overall urban plans and promoting a wide range of mobility and transport options, in particular through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Supporting a massive significant increase in accessible, and safe walking, cycling and public transport infrastructure as well as non-motorized options such as walking and cycling; (b) Supporting equitable Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) that minimizes the displacement in particular of the poor and features affordable housing and a mix of jobs and services; (c) Supporting better and coordinated transport-land use planning, including waterways and transport planning, especially for small island developing states and coastal cities. (d) Encouraging greater use of economic instruments to improve the allocation of scarce road and parking space, such as transport demand management measures like road tolls, congestion pricing, parking management, taxes on fossil fuels and vehicle quotas
96.	We will develop mechanisms and common frameworks at the national, sub-national and local levels to appraise the wider benefits of urban and

metropolitan transport schemes, including impacts on the economy, **social cohesion**, quality of life, accessibility, **air pollution** and road safety, among others. We will also consider establishing urban **and metropolitan** transport infrastructure funds at the national level, based on a diversity of funding sources, ranging from public grants to contributions from other public entities and the private sector.

98. We will support better coordination and mutual understanding between transport and urban **and territorial** planning departments at the **subnational and local levels** as well as between planning and policy frameworks at national, sub-national and local levels, including through National Urban **and Metropolitan** Mobility Plans. We will provide support to **subnational and** local authorities to develop the necessary knowledge and capacity to implement integrated transport plans, including the provision of guidelines and the legal capacity to enforce plans upon adoption.

99. We will support **subnational and** local authorities to develop financing instruments, ~~enabling them~~ **enable the improvement of** their transport infrastructure by public transport systems, such as Bus Rapid Transit systems, city trains, cycling lines, and technology based innovations in transport systems to reduce congestion and pollution while improving efficiency.

100. We will support adequate investments in infrastructure and service provision systems for water, hygiene and sanitation, sewage, solid waste management, urban drainage, and storm water management to improve health and ensure universal and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water for all, as well as adequate and equitable sanitation and hygiene for all. We will further ensure that this infrastructure forms part of integrated urban **and territorial** development plans, including housing and mobility, among others, and is implemented in a participatory manner, considering innovative, accessible, context specific, and culturally sensitive solutions. We will equip public water utilities as a means to promote the universal and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water for all and adequate and equitable sanitation and hygiene for all, as well as to promote sustainable water management through capacity development, including knowledge sharing and peer learning partnerships. We will also promote financial and operational strengthening of global, regional, national, and local mechanisms to fill the capacity gap in this regard and meet ambitious development objectives.

101. We will promote energy efficiency and support **subnational and** local governments in taking advantage of their direct control, where applicable, of local infrastructure and codes, to foster more efficient use of energy **and low carbon energy** in end-use sectors, such as buildings, industry, transport, waste and sanitation.

104. We will promote the integration of food and nutrition needs of urban residents, particularly the urban poor, in urban **and territorial** development planning, contributing to the elimination of hunger and malnutrition. We will promote coordination of food security and agriculture policies across rural, peri-urban, and urban areas to facilitate the production, storage, transport, and marketing of food to consumers. We will further promote the coordination of food policies with energy, water, transport, and other policies in urban areas to maximize efficiencies and minimize waste, recognizing the food-water-energy-**climate** nexus.

107. We recognize that the implementation of the New Urban Agenda will require a wide range of means **at all levels**, tapping into all available traditional and innovative sources at the global, **regional**, national, sub-national, and local levels as well as enhanced partnerships based on the principles of equity and solidarity with people that are the poorest and most vulnerable.

108. We reaffirm the commitments on means of implementation included in the 2030 Agenda **for Sustainable Development** as well as the Addis Ababa Action Agenda **for Financing for Development** in order to support the New Urban Agenda and the promotion of sustainable urbanization.

112. We will establish appropriate policies and capacities that will enable **subnational and** local governments to register and expand their potential revenue base, and to apply and collect user charges and fees to cover **capital and operating costs as well as the marginal social costs** expenditure costs, while ensuring that women, poor households, and marginalized communities are not disproportionately affected.

115. We will support the development of vertical and horizontal models of distribution of financial resources to decrease inequalities among territories and between urban and rural areas, ~~as well~~ as to promote integrated and balanced territorial development. In this regard, transparency of data on spending will be ensured to allow public analysis of resource allocation from national, sub-national **and local** governments as a tool to assess progress towards equity and spatial integration.

117. We will support the capacity development of **subnational and** local authorities in financial planning and management, anchored in a multilevel institutional coordination framework **and including anti-corruption, environmental sensitivity and** ~~focusing on~~ gender-responsive budgeting, accounting, procurement, reporting, auditing, and oversight, among others.

118. We will support **subnational and** local authorities to implement transparent and accountable expenditure control instruments, based on legislative control and public participation in support of open and fair tendering processes, procurement mechanisms and reliable budget execution, as well as preventive anti-corruption measures to promote integrity, accountability and proper management of public property.

121. We will support access to different multilateral funds, including the Green Climate Fund, for cities **and regions** to secure resources for climate change adaptation and mitigation plans, policies, programmes and actions. We will collaborate with local financial institutions to develop climate finance infrastructure solutions and to create appropriate mechanisms to identify catalytic financial instruments. We will collaborate with national and international insurance and reinsurance institutions to develop feasible solutions for future climate risks in cities **and regions**, with regard to investments in urban **and metropolitan** infrastructures, urban **and** assets as well as for local populations to secure their shelter and economic needs.

127. We will support capacity development programs to help **subnational and** local governments achieve targets and set the foundation, as appropriate, for transparent and independent oversight and monitoring processes to review **subnational**, local and municipal performance and compliance, with a focus on improvement and digitalization of the accounting process and records.

NEW PARA We will promote and support the establishment of multidisciplinary practitioners' networks and other science-policy interface mechanisms as to generate and broaden the evidence base on the urban dimension of the broader sustainable development agenda and the interface between the New Urban Agenda and other challenges and opportunities of humankind in the 21st century, such as poverty and inequality, employment, prosperity and productivity, education and health, food, water and energy, climate and ecosystems.

130. We will support capacity development initiatives to empower and strengthen skills and abilities of the women, children and youth, older person and persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples and other people in vulnerable situations such as refugees, displaced persons and migrants to ensure their effective participation in urban **and territorial** development decision-making.

131. We will support **subnational and** local government associations as providers of capacity development and important instruments for knowledge sharing, promoting peer-to-peer exchange, and strengthening the involvement of local governments associations in national consultations on development priorities.

132. We will promote the development of national information and communications technology policies and e-government strategies as well as citizen-centric digital governance tools tapping into technological innovations, including capacity development programs, in order to make ICT accessible to the public, including persons with disabilities, older persons and other persons in vulnerable situations, to enable them to develop and exercise civic responsibility, broadening participation and fostering responsible governance. The use of online platforms and tools will be encouraged to improve access to urban **and metropolitan** services.

133. We will support institutionalized mechanisms for sharing and exchanging information, knowledge and expertise, including the collection, analysis and dissemination of geographically-based, community-collected and disaggregated data by income, gender, age, race, ethnicity, migratory status, disability, geographic location and other characteristics relevant in national and local contexts, as well as ensuring a robust science-policy interface in urban **and territorial** policy formulation.

NEW PARA We will support and strengthen the use of open and public Geospatial Information Systems in complement to other traditional tools as a means to foster statistical capacities for disaggregated data.

C. Follow-Up and Review

139. We also acknowledge that the follow-up and review process should be voluntary and country-led and carried out at the global, regional, national and sub-national levels, as appropriate. It should be a continuous process aimed at creating and reinforcing partnerships, fostering exchanges of urban solutions and mutual learning, including peer learning and city-to-city cooperation, and supporting mutual accountability at all levels and by all actors. It should be open, inclusive, multi-level, **multi-disciplinary**, participatory, and transparent for all people and support accurate reporting.

142. We invite international and regional organizations, development partners and the private sector to enhance coordination of their urban **and territorial** development strategies and to apply an integrated approach to sustainable urban **developmentization**, mainstreaming the implementation of the New Urban Agenda. We further invite multilateral and regional financial institutions and development banks to provide financial support for integrated sustainable urban development to developing countries.

148. We also stress the need for UN-Habitat and other relevant stakeholders to generate **and broaden the** evidence-based and practical guidance for the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, ~~and~~ the urban dimension of the **broader sustainability agenda and the interface with other humankind challenges and opportunities in the 21st century such as poverty and inequality, employment, prosperity and productivity, education and health, food, water and energy, climate and ecosystems** Sustainable Development Goals, in close collaboration with Member States and through the mobilization of experts, including the General Assembly of Partners for Habitat III, and building on the legacy of the Habitat III Issue Papers and Policy Units preparatory process, to consolidate links with existing knowledge and urban solution platforms relevant to the New Urban Agenda. In this regard, the creation of an International Multi-stakeholder **and multi-disciplinary** Panel on Sustainable Urbanization, coordinated by UN-Habitat in collaboration with the rest of the UN System, should be considered.

Substantive Suggestion for the Follow-Up and Review Section

This section still misses the opportunity to address the following essential aspects towards a robust FuR architecture:

1. A comprehensive UN institutional framework: A UN SYSTEM-WIDE SUPPORT FOR THE FuR OF THE NUA, INCLUDING THE CENTRALITY OF A STRONG UN-HABITAT IN NAIROBI will be essential to the success of the NUA and its impacts on people's lives.

Thanks to the inclusion of SDG11 in the 2030 Agenda, we now understand better than ever the inextricable intersection between sustainable urban development and the other challenges and opportunities of humankind in the 21st century, such as poverty and inequality, employment, prosperity and productivity, education and health, food, water and energy, climate and ecosystems. It is therefore fundamental that FuR of the NUA does not end up limited to UN-Habitat. What is still missing in the enhanced zero draft, is a clear mandate on how the UN system-wide will support the FuR of the NUA; in continuity with the 2030 Agenda, the Paris Climate Agreement and the Sendai Framework.

2. A SET OF PERIODIC REPORTS – Concentrating all reporting under one UN-Habitat report as per para 146 of the Revised Zero Draft is not fostering legitimacy and ownership in the long run, either maximizing the potential for scaling up solutions. The NUA should promote a set of periodic complementary reports:

- a. National reports resulting from the collaboration between national, subnational and local governments and including strong multi-stakeholder consultations;
- b. Reports by UN-Habitat; and
- c. Last but not least, independent reports by Major Groups and Other Stakeholders.

3. METRICS and INDICATORS The FuR section still pays lip service to the question of a system of metrics and indicators capable of providing a granular picture of what happens at the local level.

The original zero draft contains in Paragraph 166 a call for a review that provides for “complementarity to the relevant Sustainable Development Goals indicators.” It was a good start.

An Enhanced Zero Draft should have spelled out:

- a. Whether a specific system of metrics and indicators for the NUA building upon and complementing the SDG11 indicators will be elaborated; and if

so provide a clear mandate for their elaboration. Careful thought should be given to what type of coordination role the UN Statistical Commission could offer.

- b. Enable all levels of government to capitalise on the already existing City Prosperity Index elaborated by UN-Habitat.**
- c. Call on national statistical offices to contribute to the territorial disaggregation of data via the use of geospatial tools in complement to the traditional household surveys; as well as via close collaboration with the subnational governments.**
- d. Unequivocally call for open and public data.**

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This document has been elaborated in coherence with the priority areas addressed in our work programme and has been nourished by the individual reactions to the original and revised zero draft produced by the Global Task Force of Local and Regional Governments, Cities Alliance, ICLEI, nrg4SD, the Sustainable Development Solutions Network, the UN Major Group for Children and Youth, the Partnership on Sustainable Low Carbon Transport - SloCaT, Habitat for Humanity, and the General Assembly of Partners (GAP), as well as the discussions and outcomes of the 31 May workshop on integrated territorial development and urban-rural linkages organized by Communitas in collaboration with GIZ and UN-Habitat, and the 12 May Expert Group Meeting on Integrating Food in Urban Planning organized by FAO in collaboration with the Habitat III Secretariat. The Communitas Secretariat will further detail and continue evolving its inputs, in parallel to the deliberations of this Member State-driven intergovernmental process.