

Regional reporting on  
Characteristics and challenges  
of the urban development  
in the UNECE region

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# Legal background for regional preparations for HIII

## A/RES/67/216

11. Encourages effective contributions from and the active participation of all relevant stakeholders, including local governments, major groups as identified in Agenda 21, the relevant United Nations funds and programmes, the regional commissions and specialized agencies, the international financial institutions and other Habitat Agenda partners, at all stages of the preparatory process and at the conference itself,

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9. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the conference to mobilize the expertise of the United Nations system as a whole, including the regional commissions, and of other relevant international, regional and subregional organizations, for the Habitat III preparatory process;

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13. Requests the Secretary-General of the Conference to continue to mobilize the expertise of the United Nations system as a whole, including the regional commissions, and of other relevant international, regional and subregional organizations for the Habitat III preparatory process;

# Legal background for regional reporting to HIII

## A/70/210 (Report of the Secretary-General)

### **B. Regional process**

69. The Habitat III secretariat has been coordinating with the five regional economic and social commissions and the UN-Habitat regional offices to prepare five regional reports for Habitat III, which will build on the national reports received from the Member States of the United Nations.

70. The regional meetings are expected to have a wide range of participants, to discuss priorities for the New Urban Agenda and to issue recommendations in the form of a final declaration by the participants. The final declarations from regional meetings will be considered official inputs to the Habitat III process and will be published on the Habitat III web page.

### **C. Global process**

72. At the global level, a report will be prepared, drawing on the national and regional reports. It will include all available knowledge, resources and data, as input to and support for the preparatory process of the Conference.

# Legal framework for reporting to HIII

1. Many key actors in regional preparations;
2. Role of the Regional reports in the process – they will inform the global report, but not an “official input” to HIII;
3. Official regional input: the final declaration of the regional meetings, as agreed by the participants - No binding linkages between the regional reports and declarations of the regional meetings.

# The regional report prepared by UNECE and regional Declaration in Prague

1. Building on the national reports (DE, FR, ES, AM, FI, CZ, TR)?
2. Evaluation of implementation of Habitat Agenda in the region?
3. Key characteristics and challenges of urban development?
4. Vision of way forward?

# UN-Habitat's view to challenges in the region

- Demographic challenges (includes ageing and migration)
- Climate change
- Losing affordability of the city
- Dualisation of labour market
- Territorial cohesion challenges