

202 (XVII). The United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

*The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 47/180 of 22 December 1992 on the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II),

*Emphasizing* the interdependence between environment, human settlements and sustainable development, as defined in Agenda 21,

*Emphasizing also* that the central themes for the Conference, namely the development of sustainable human settlements in an urbanizing world and adequate shelter for all, which were adopted

by the Commission on Human Settlements at its fourteenth session and the Preparatory Committee for Habitat II at its first substantive session, are also priority issues for the region,

*Welcoming* the decisions taken by the Commission on Human Settlements at its fourteenth session and the recommendations made by the Preparatory Committee for Habitat II at its first substantive session regarding preparations for the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II),

*Fully aware* that the provision of adequate housing and an adequate living environment is an important means of promoting sustainable development, ensuring justice and achieving social stability,

*Aware also* of the importance of the Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) in formulating a Statement of Principles and Commitments and a Global Plan of Action on policies and goals for shelter and for the future of human settlements - cities, towns and villages - in the twenty-first century.

1. *Urges* member States to continue to participate actively in the preparations for the Conference at the national, regional and global levels, and to make substantive contributions to ensure its success;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to coordinate and facilitate, within the limits of available resources, regional activities, including regional meetings, in preparation for Habitat II, and to report to the Commission at its eighteenth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

5th plenary meeting  
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