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(APMCHUD)**

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6th Bureau of APMCHUD**

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Item No. 1 : Confirmation of the Minutes of the 4th Meeting of the 5th Bureau of the Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development (APMCHUD) held at Quito, Ecuador on 18th October, 2016

The 4th meeting of the 5th Bureau of APMCHUD was held at Quito, Ecuador on 18th October, 2016. A copy of the minutes of the meeting was circulated to the Hon'ble Members of the Bureau and was posted on the website of APMCHUD as well. (www.apmchud.com).

A copy of the Minutes is placed at Annexure 'A'.

The Bureau may consider the Minutes for confirmation.

Item No. 2 : Action Taken subsequent to the 4th Meeting of the 5th Bureau held on 18th October, 2016 at Quito, Ecuador - Report by the Chief Coordinator

The various actions taken on the decisions of the 5th Bureau in its 4th meeting held on 18th October, 2016 at Quito, Ecuador are indicated below:-

Item No. in the 4 th meeting of the 5 th Bureau	Decision	Action Taken
Item No. 4: Enlarging the scope of the Working Group 4: 'Sustainable Housing Finance' to 'Sustainable Smart Cities and Housing Finance' – Proposal	<p>.... Republic of Korea further indicated that since Republic of Korea has suggested 'Smart Cities' as a new global agenda in the PrepCom-III, the revised theme of WG 4 could be 'Sustainable Smart Cities and Housing Finance' instead of the current 'Financing Sustainable Housing'.</p> <p>In the above context, after deliberations, the Bureau decided that the Republic of Korea's proposal may be taken to the 6th Conference of APMCHUD for consideration of either having a revised theme covering both housing and smart cities or having independent themes under two working groups on 'Financing Sustainable Housing' and on 'Sustainable Smart Cities'.</p> <p>It was further decided that the issues of (i) Relevance of the current sub-themes of Working Groups in light of the imminent passage of the New Urban Agenda, (ii) revisiting the number of working groups, and (iii) structure and regulations for constitution of Working Groups may also be placed as an item for consideration during the 6th APMCHUD at New Delhi, as part of the 'Organizational Matters'. In the interregnum, Members of the Bureau may communicate their suggestions in this regard to the APMCHUD secretariat.</p>	<p>An item was placed as part of the 'Organizational matters' in the 6th APMCHUD held during 14th – 16th December, 2016 at New Delhi.</p> <p>A separate item on Working Groups is placed in this 1st meeting of the 6th Bureau, wherein the issue has been detailed out.</p>
Item No. 5: Organizational Issues - Resource base for APMCHUD – Status	<p>The Deputy Chief Coordinator further proposed that the status of the resource base may be reported to the APMCHUD during the forthcoming 6th Conference at New Delhi in December, 2016, as part of the item on 'Organizational matters', which was agreed to by the Bureau.</p>	<p>The status was reported and a separate item is placed in this 1st meeting of the 6th Bureau for consideration.</p>

<p>Item No.6: Information/Report by the Host country of 6th APMCHUD - Republic of India on preparations for the 6th APMCHUD in 2016</p>	<p>.....With regard to the sub-theme of working group 5, it was indicated that rather than reading as 'urban development with a focus on natural and climate change related disasters', the sub-theme of working group 5 could be revised to highlight Resilient Cities.</p> <p>.....the theme of the Working Group (2) could focus on 'regeneration of cities'.</p> <p>.... In the context of 10 years of APMCHUD and also in the context of the New Urban Agenda, the Bureau member countries may like to provide their considered views/ suggestions on addition of working group(s) on new themes, restructuring of the existing working groups, including reviewing the number of working groups one country may lead.</p> <p>....The member countries may formalize their suggestions in this regard, if any, and forward the same to the Secretariat at the earliest, and certainly before 31st November, 2016, so that the issues/suggestions are appropriately incorporated in the items for consideration as part of 'organizational matters'. (6) The drafting Committee, on which the respective working groups would also be represented, may consider all these issues in its final recommendations. The Chairperson solicited the cooperation of the member countries for their early response.</p>	<p>An item was placed as part of the 'Organizational matters' in the 6th APMCHUD held during 14th – 16th December, 2016 at New Delhi.</p> <p>A separate item on Working Groups is placed in this 1st meeting of the 6th Bureau, wherein the issue has been detailed out.</p>
<p>Item No. 7 : Sharing of Information on Policies/ Programmes/ Innovative approaches/ best practices in the field of Housing and Urban Development including Conferences/ Seminars organized by the member countries of Asia Pacific Region – in the web-site of APMCHUD</p>	<p>..... It was also requested that it would be ideal if a nodal officer is nominated with whom the Secretariat may interact in this regard, and the details may be forwarded to the Secretariat. It was therefore decided that as a first step, all the Bureau countries may nominate a nodal officer with whom the Secretariat may interact in this regard, and that the member countries may like to provide details on the web-sites for which a link could be established in the web-site of APMCHUD.</p> <p>It was informed that the Secretariat is interacting with the member countries in this regard. It was further proposed that towards enlisting the cooperation of the member countries in strengthening the information base on Asia Pacific region maintained through the web-site of Secretariat of APMCHUD, the above request may be posed to the member countries of the APMCHUD during the forthcoming 6th Conference at New Delhi in December, 2016, as part of the item on 'Organizational matters'. The Bureau approved the same.</p>	<p>An item was placed as part of the 'Organizational matters' in the 6th APMCHUD held during 14th – 16th December, 2016 at New Delhi.</p> <p>A separate item on this aspect is placed in this 1st meeting of the 6th Bureau, wherein the issue has been detailed out.</p>

The Bureau may kindly note.

Item No. 3: Presentation of Report to the Bureau on the 6th APMCHUD by the Host country – Republic of India

The 6th Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development was held during 14th – 16th December, 2016 at New Delhi. The Conference endorsed the composition of the 6th Bureau of APMCHUD with its members being the Ministers representing:

- a. Republic of India
- b. Republic of Korea
- c. Islamic Republic of Iran
- d. Republic of Indonesia
- e. Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
- f. Republic of Iraq
- g. Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
- h. Republic of Nauru

As the host country of the 6th APMCHUD and Chair of the 6th Bureau, the Republic of India may like to present a report to the Bureau.

Item No. 4: Working Groups – Consideration by the 6th APMCHUD on various aspects of Working Groups including the focus of the themes and Action Plan thereof.

1. Till now, APMCHUD had 5 working groups on critical issues, which are led by member countries voluntarily. The details are as follows:

WG 1: Urban and Rural Planning and Management – Republic of India

WG 2: Upgrading of Slum and Informal Settlements – Islamic Republic of Iran

WG3: Delivery of Basic Services – Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and Republic of Maldives

WG 4: Financing Sustainable Housing – Republic of Korea

WG 5: Urban Development with a focus on Natural and Climatic Change related Disasters – Republic of Indonesia

2. The 5th Bureau of the APMCHUD had deliberated on various aspects of the Working Groups including the focal themes, in the context of 10 years of APMCHUD and also in the context of the New Urban Agenda. Accordingly, the 5th Bureau of APMCHUD decided that the issues of (i) Relevance of the current sub-themes of Working Groups in light of the imminent passage of the New Urban Agenda, (ii) revisiting the number of working groups, and (iii) structure and regulations for constitution of Working Groups may be placed as an item for consideration during the 6th APMCHUD at New Delhi, as part of the 'Organizational Matters', and in the interregnum, requested the Members of the Bureau to communicate their suggestions in this regard for incorporation in the agenda as part of 'organizational matters'. It was also decided that the drafting Committee, on which the respective working groups would also be represented during the Conference, may consider all these issues in its final recommendations.

3. Accordingly, an Item was placed for consideration of the 6th APMCHUD as part of the 'Organisational Matters.' The item on the subject of 'Working Groups related Aspects' highlighted the evolution of Working Group focal themes and sub-themes

since 2006. In addition, the current status and the emerging context, was also outlined which highlighted the suggestion of Republic of Korea – lead country of Working Group 4 for enlarging the scope of working group 4 and the decision to refer the issues outlined above for consideration of the 6th APMCHUD. As part of the Agenda for 6th APMCHUD, it was also submitted for consideration of 6th APMCHUD that the modus operandi of considering this item may be that

- 1) As part of the Working Group sessions, the respective working groups may deliberate on aspects of (a) Relevance of the current sub-themes of Working Groups in light of the passage of the New Urban Agenda and the need for any revision/reorientation in the focal theme of working groups, (b) revisiting the number of working groups, and (c) the structure and regulations for constitution of Working Groups such as the number of the working groups one country may lead and related aspects,
- 2) The views of the respective working groups may be considered in the drafting Committee, which is represented by all the working groups with additional participation from UN-Habitat and volunteer member countries, and the recommendations may be made part of the Declaration for consideration and adoption in the Ministerial Plenary session.

The above approach was agreed by the 6th APMCHUD.

4. During the 6th APMCHUD held at New Delhi during 14th – 16th December, 2016, as part of the Agenda item on 'Report on Activities of the 5th Bureau by Chief Coordinator', highlights of various activities undertaken by the respective lead countries of the Working groups were reported to APMCHUD. As part of the adopted New Delhi Declaration, the 6th APMCHUD registered the following:

Appreciating the significant efforts made by the lead countries of the five APMCHUD Working Groups led by the Republic of India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Republic of Maldives, the Republic of Korea and the Republic of Indonesia for sharing information and experiences in the respective fields amongst the countries of our Region;

Reiterate our commitment for APMCHUD and its Working groups to serve as a forum and network to discuss our follow-up actions on the commitments of the New Urban Agenda and the goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

5. Further, on the working group themes and related aspects, based on the recommendations of the Working Group sessions and deliberations in the Drafting Committee, the 6th APMCHUD adopted The New Delhi Declaration and New Delhi Implementation Plan.

The New Delhi Declaration adopted resolved to:

- “6. *Adopt* the New Delhi Implementation Plan as recommended by the five Working Groups;
7. *Continue* with these Working Groups as follows:
 - WG1 led by the Republic of India working on the theme of Urban and Rural Planning and Management;
 - WG2 led by the Islamic Republic of Iran working on the theme of Urban Upgrading;
 - WG3 led by the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka working on the theme of Basic Services including Energy and Mobility for Integrated and Inclusive development;
 - WG4 led by the Republic of Korea working on the theme of Financing Sustainable Housing and Urban Development;
 - WG5 led by the Republic of Indonesia working on the theme of Urban Development with a focus on Natural, Man-made and Climate-induced Disasters.”

The New Delhi Implementation Plan adopted by the 6th APMCHUD further provided the details of coverage, goal and focus areas of each working group. The focus area as provided in the New Delhi Implementation Plan is as follows:

- WG1 Urban and Rural Planning and Management – Integrated Planning, Management and Governance Structure Imperatives,
- WG2 Upgrading of Urban Areas, Slums and Informal Settlements – Unorganized growth in Peripheral Areas and Slum Upgrading Aspects ;
- WG3 Basic Services including Energy and Mobility for Integrated and Inclusive development;
- WG4 Financing Sustainable Housing and Urban Development including Ensuring access to Housing and Smart City Development in the Urban –Rural Continuum
- WG5 Urban Development with a focus on Natural, Man-made and Climate-induced Disasters – Building Urban resilience.

6. The Lead countries may like to share a plan of action/information on various activities proposed under each Working Group. The purpose is to enable the lead countries to space the interaction/meet/workshops so that participation by most member countries is possible, and suggestions if any may be provided by other member countries.

7. The details may be presented/provided during the 1st meeting of the 6th Bureau or the same may be communicated to the Secretariat at a later date, which shall be shared with the member countries.

Item No. 5: Organizational Issues - Resource base for APMCHUD – Status

1. As part of the efforts to strengthen the resource base of APMCHUD, the 5th Bureau had suggested various measures including requesting the member countries through a special communication for contributing to the resource base of APMCHUD. The status was reviewed by the 5th Bureau in its meetings. The 5th Bureau was reported in its 4th meeting held in Quito that the Republic of India has already contributed a total of USD 60,000 (an initial corpus of USD 50,000 + annual contribution of USD 10,000 for 2015-16), and further, a communication has been received informing that the sanction of USD 10,000 towards annual contribution to APMCHUD for 2016-17.

2. Subsequent to the above, the following are further placed for information of the Bureau in regard to the resource base of APMCHUD:

- i) The amount of USD 10,000 for 2016-17 communicated as sanctioned by Republic of India has since been received.
- ii) The Republic of Iraq has transmitted an amount of USD 10,000 which had been received in APMCHUD account in February 2017.

3. The 5th Bureau after review of the status of resource base of APMCHUD in its 4th meeting held in Quito on 18th October, 2016, decided that the status of resource base may be reported to the APMCHUD during the 6th Conference at New Delhi, as part of the item on 'Organizational matters'. Accordingly, an item was placed for consideration of APMCHUD. The item highlighted inter-alia the decision of APMCHUD in its 4th Conference at Amman to strengthen the resource base through contribution of USD 10,000 per member state annually to the budget of APMCHUD, which was further reiterated in its 5th Conference at Seoul, held in November, 2014. After consideration, the 6th APMCHUD in its New Delhi Declaration adopted the following:

'Thank with appreciation the Government of India and in particular the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation for the continued hosting of the Permanent Secretariat of APMCHUD in New Delhi, and also for the lead taken in strengthening the resource base of the APMCHUD'

'Reiterate our continued commitment to strengthen APMCHUD and the Secretariat to undertake the required activities, while encouraging member nations to contribute to the resource base in line with the Amman Declaration as reiterated in the Seoul Declaration.'

4. In the above context, the Bureau may like to register its appreciation to the Republic of Iraq for its contribution.

5. Towards undertaking manifold activities promoting collaboration and cooperation in the field of housing and urban development among member countries in the Asia Pacific region, the 1st Bureau of APMCHUD evolved a framework for the Executive Secretariat of the Bureau of APMCHUD outlining the mandatory framework of APMCHUD, the activities envisaged by the Secretariat and the broad structure of the Secretariat, which formed part of the Delhi Declaration of 2006. The 4th APMCHUD in its Amman Declaration while resolving to agree in principle to contribute a sum of USD 10,000 per member state annually, further resolved to agree to equip the APMCHUD Secretariat with adequate human resources to execute the Implementation Plan agreed in the conference and for long term sustainability of APMCHUD. In addition, an initial structure and composition of the Secretariat was also approved. In the emerging context of the need to enhance the activity level to manifold, it is imperative that the Bureau of APMCHUD is supported by a strong Secretariat, to make an impact much more than at present.

6. The Secretariat would continue to pursue the member countries through further communications in continuation of the earlier efforts, and further in line with the New Delhi Declaration on this aspect. The Bureau may like to discuss this aspect further for a major leap forward.

The Bureau may consider.

Item No. 6: Sharing of Information on Policies/Programmes/Innovative approaches/best practices in the field of Housing and Urban Development including Conferences/Seminars organized by the member countries of Asia Pacific Region – in the web-site of APMCHUD

1. Enhanced level of and effective Sharing of Information on Policies/ Programmes/ Innovative approaches/best practices in the field of Housing and Urban Development including Conferences/Seminars organized by the member countries of Asia Pacific Region has been one of the priority areas of the Bureaus of APMCHUD consistently. Towards the same, the 5th Bureau had decided that the APMCHUD web-site (www.apmchud.com) can be a good instrument initially and accordingly, it was requested that information on Policies/Programmes/ Innovative approaches/ best practices in the field of Housing and Urban Development including Conferences/ Seminars organized by the member countries of Asia Pacific Region may be forwarded to the Secretariat, for posting on the web-site. The relevant web-site addresses were also requested to be provided so that appropriate link could be incorporated in the APMCHUD web-pages. It was also requested that it would be ideal if a nodal officer is nominated with whom the Secretariat may interact in this regard, and the details may be forwarded to the Secretariat.

2. The 5th Bureau further decided that towards enlisting the cooperation of the member countries in strengthening the information base on Asia Pacific region maintained through the web-site of Secretariat of APMCHUD, that would benefit all the member countries, the above request be posed to the member countries of the APMCHUD during the 6th Conference at New Delhi in December, 2016, as part of the item on `Organizational matters`.

3. In line with the decision, an item on the theme of `Sharing of Information on Policies/Programmes/Innovative approaches/best practices in the field of Housing and Urban Development including Conferences/Seminars organized by the member countries of Asia Pacific Region – in the web-site of APMCHUD` was considered by the 6th APMCHUD as part of the agenda on `Organizational matters`.

After consideration, as part of the New Delhi Declaration, the 6th APMCHUD resolved to:

‘Strengthen the sharing of information on innovative policies and successful practices relating to housing and urban development, through all possible approaches, including by regularly updating and interlinking the online information sources with the assistance of specified nodal contacts’.

4. It is proposed to communicate the request for early nomination of nodal contacts and for further information as above, to all countries.

The Bureau may consider.

Item No. 7: The 26th Session of the Governing Council of UN-Habitat – Statement by APMCHUD

1. The 26th Session of Governing Council of UN-Habitat is scheduled to be held during 8th - 12th May 2017. The theme of the 26th Session of the Governing Council is 'Opportunities for the effective implementation of the New Urban Agenda' and the sub-themes are : (i) Towards inclusive, sustainable and adequate housing for a better future, (ii) Synergies and financing for sustainable urbanization, and (iii) Integrated human settlements planning for sustainable urbanization.

2. The 6th APMCHUD held in New Delhi during 14th – 16th December, 2016 resolved in its New Delhi Declaration to 'actively engage in the 26th Session of the Governing Council of UN-Habitat in 2017, as well as in the World Urban Forum scheduled to be held in Kuala Lumpur in February 2018'. In line with the same, and in the context of the 6th APMCHUD which had elaborately focused on theme of 'Emerging Urban Forms – Policy responses and Governance Structure in the context of the New Urban Agenda', with a special session on implementation of the New Urban Agenda, it is proposed to make a statement on behalf of the APMCHUD during the 26th Governing Council Session.

3. The statement focuses on the resolve of APMCHUD and reaffirms the commitments made with regard to the goals in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, especially Goal 11 to make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable; and the transformative commitments for sustainable urban development agreed to in the New Urban Agenda. It also highlights the resolve of the Asia Pacific countries for respective as well as joint actions towards the effective implementation of the New Urban Agenda. A copy of the Statement is enclosed.

4. The Secretariat of APMCHUD has interacted with the UN-Habitat in regard to allotting an appropriate time slot for the Chair of APMCHUD to make the statement during the High Level Plenary session, which has been noted by the Governing Council Secretariat.

This is submitted for the kind information of the Bureau.

**26th Session of the Governing Council of UN-Habitat
8th – 12th May, 2017 at Nairobi, Kenya**

Statement by

**Chair of the Bureau of
Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development
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**Mr. M. Venkaiah Naidu,
Hon'ble Minister of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation, Urban Development
and Information & Broadcasting,
Republic of India**

**on
Opportunities for the effective implementation of the New Urban Agenda**

Excellency, Dignitaries and the Delegates,

On behalf of the Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development (APMCHUD), I would like to thank the UN-HABITAT for this opportunity to share our views and vision on the theme of 'Opportunities for the effective implementation of the New Urban Agenda' and also the sub-themes of 'towards Inclusive, sustainable and adequate housing for a better future', 'Synergies and financing for sustainable urbanisation' and 'Integrated human settlements planning for sustainable urbanization'.

First of all, I take this opportunity to thank UN-Habitat for its continued and consistent support for various activities of during its journey of a decade since its establishment in 2006 at New Delhi. The APMCHUD has progressed effectively in its journey of a decade since its establishment, serving as an inter-governmental consultative mechanism and effectively facilitating cooperation and collaboration in fostering sustainable housing and urban development;

Established under the aegis and support of UN-Habitat, APMCHUD as an inter-governmental, consultative mechanism for promotion of collaboration and cooperation for sustainable development of housing and urban development in the Asia Pacific region, has progressed effectively, playing a major role in articulating the views of the countries of the Asia pacific region in various forums. The collective vision we had evolved through the Delhi Declaration in 2006, Tehran Declaration in

2008, Solo Declaration in 2010, Amman Declaration in 2012 and the Seoul Declaration in 2014 have all guided us - the Asia Pacific Countries, for sharing our concerns, sharing our experiences and addressing them through exchange of information and experiences in the field of housing and urban development. In pursuit towards sustainable housing and urban development in the Asia Pacific region, APMCHUD has 5 specific focus areas, broadly covering planning and management of urban and rural areas, upgrading of urban areas, delivery of basic services including mobility, sustainable housing finance including development of smart cities, and promotion of disaster resilient urban development, and these working groups are led voluntarily by member countries, which signifies its collective and collaborative efforts.

In continuation of its collective efforts, I am happy to inform that APMCHUD held its 6th session at New Delhi during 14th – 16th December, 2016 and discussed elaborately on the theme of 'Emerging Urban Forms – Policy responses and Governance Structure in the context of the New Urban Agenda', and adopted the New Delhi Declaration and Implementation Plan. A special session was also organised which exclusively focussed on the Implementation of the New Urban Agenda, which focussed on the approach we need to follow in the years to come for successful implementation of the New Urban Agenda.

The 6th APMCHUD which especially deliberated issues in the context of the New Urban Agenda, recognised the fact that the Asia Pacific region is experiencing a rapid urbanisation process, and has been conscious of the fact that urbanisation in the Asia Pacific region has had a significant positive association with improved levels of the standard of living at large, and that the positive potential of urbanisation is yet to be fully realized. It was also recognised that the rapid pace of urbanization in the recent past in the Asia Pacific region and its projected faster pace in the years to come, is likely to result in emergence of spontaneous urban forms which may become unmanageable and unsustainable. The 6th APMCHUD also reaffirmed its commitment for ensuring affordable housing for all as a component of an improved standard of living; and support skill development, training and capacity development initiatives to empower and strengthen skills and abilities of all stakeholders; in addition to reaffirming its intent, to regularly convene to share our experiences, good practices, innovative approaches and challenges in the field of housing and urban development towards ensuring sustainability, equity and inclusiveness.

It is in this context, the 6th APMCHUD held in New Delhi during 14th – 16th December, 2016 adopted the New Delhi Declaration which resolved to strongly

reaffirm the commitments our governments made with regard to the goals in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, especially Goal 11 to make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable; and the transformative commitments for sustainable urban development agreed to in the New Urban Agenda. The declaration also took the opportunity to strengthen its resolve, and respective as well joint actions towards the effective implementation of the New Urban Agenda.

The New Delhi Declaration adopted by the 6th Conference of APMCHUD recognised, in the light of the New Urban Agenda, the special significance and strategic challenges of the policy and governance reforms as a result of the expanding city regions, cities and towns in many parts of Asia Pacific, requiring appropriate national urban policies, urban legal frameworks, integrated urban and territorial planning and design, urban financing frameworks and appropriate multi-level governance frameworks encouraging action by all stakeholders, including effective cooperation between national, sub-national and local governments.

The 6th conference reconfirmed APMCHUD's resolve for a voluntary, country-led, open, inclusive, multilevel, participatory and transparent follow-up to enable the effective implementation of the New Urban Agenda, in collaboration with United Nations system and, in particular, UN-Habitat; and reiterated our commitment for APMCHUD and its Working Groups to serve as a forum and network to discuss our follow-up actions on the commitments of the New Urban Agenda and the goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The 6th conference, deliberating the theme of 'emerging urban forms – policy responses and governance structure in the content of the New Urban Agenda', decided to:

1. Develop policies at national, sub-national and local levels where they do not exist and review and strengthen the current policies towards integrated development of cities, towns and their peripheral areas;
2. Encourage the adoption of approaches that promote cities, towns and their peripheral areas as an urban-rural continuum and for strengthening their complementarity for mutual advantage and growth;
3. Ensure that the emerging urban forms are appropriately recognized and managed through effective governance structures so that these areas economically and spatially drive sustainable development;

4. Strengthen the sharing of information on innovative policies and successful practices relating to housing and urban development, through all possible approaches, including by regularly updating and interlinking the online information resources

In the context of the Habitat III New Urban Agenda, the countries of Asia Pacific region would have a significant role to play in taking the agenda forward, by successfully implementing the agenda for sustainable housing and urban development. The issues of improving the quality of life of citizens by provision of, as well as improved access to, services and livelihood opportunities for all sections of the population, development of appropriate planning responses and methodologies for promoting disaster resilient human settlements in the context of natural as well as climate change related disasters, placing human settlement development at the centre of developmental paradigm, etc. would all require collective, collaborative and co-operative efforts for identifying, adopting and adapting sustainable solutions among the countries of Asia Pacific region. In this context, as an inter-governmental mechanism, the APMCHUD would play a more important, more critical and more active role in the years to come for facilitating sustainable development of human settlements in the Asia Pacific region.

The effort to conceive a collective vision for structured and successful implementation of the New Urban Agenda as part of the 6th APMCHUD at New Delhi in December 2016 is just the initial effort, and in line with the commitment by the Asia Pacific countries, efforts would continue to evolve multi-pronged methods, approaches and strategies for successful implementation of the New Urban Agenda.

We, the Asia Pacific community, look forward to deliberations in this 26th session of the Governing Council of UN-Habitat on the theme of 'Opportunities for the effective implementation of the New Urban Agenda' that would also guide us in our efforts.

On behalf of the Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development, I once again thank the UN-HABITAT for this opportunity to share our views during this 26th Session of the Governing Council.

Thank you.

Item No. 8: Action Plan for meetings of the 6th Bureau of APMCHUD

1. The 6th APMCHUD was held in December, 2016. The 6th Bureau as per the past practice may hold atleast 4 meetings. It has been an endeavour to hold the Bureau meetings, to the extent possible, in conjunction with related major events in the field of housing and urban development, which helps in the participation of the Hon'ble members.

2. The 1st meeting of the 6th Bureau is being held here in UN-Habitat premises in Nairobi in conjunction with the 26th Session of the Governing Council of UN-Habitat. As per indications at this stage, the World Urban Forum organised by UN-Habitat is scheduled to be held in February, 2018. The 6th APMCHUD held in New Delhi during 14th – 16th December, 2016 also resolved in its New Delhi Declaration to 'actively engage in the 26th Session of the Governing Council of UN-Habitat in 2017, as well as in the World Urban Forum scheduled to be held in Kuala Lumpur in February 2018'. In line with the same, possibly the 3rd meeting of the 6th Bureau could be held in conjunction with the World Urban Forum.

3. The member countries may like to indicate the possibility of holding the 2nd meeting of the 6th Bureau possibly in October 2017 so that the same is announced well in advance, to enable the Hon'ble members to plan their participation well in advance.

The Bureau may consider.

Item No. 9 : Any other item with the permission of the Chair.



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Venue: Quito, Ecuador

The list of Participants is enclosed.

Welcoming the Hon'ble Members of the Bureau and the representatives of UN Habitat for the 4th Meeting of the 5th Bureau of APMCHUD, the Deputy Chief Coordinator Mr. Satinder Pal Singh expressed his special thanks to the UN-Habitat and Ecuador for facilitating conduct of this meeting. The Deputy Chief Coordinator mentioned that indications have been received that the Independent State of Samoa and Republic of Maldives would not be able to participate in the meeting due to exigencies, and that they have conveyed their best wishes for the success of the meeting. He then requested the Hon'ble Chair to initiate the proceedings of the meeting.

Chairing the meeting, H.E Dr. Kim Kyoung-Hwan, Hon'ble Vice Minister for Land, Infrastructure and Transport (MoLIT), Republic of Korea welcomed the Hon'ble members of the Bureau and all the delegates to the 4th meeting of the 5th Bureau of APMCHUD. The Hon'ble Vice-Minister thanked the UN-Habitat for facilitating the meeting by providing space during the Habitat-III event. The Hon'ble Minister also expressed his appreciation for the efforts to successfully host the 6th APMCHUD conference in December, 2016. Highlighting that this Bureau meeting assumes special significance as it is being held in conjunction with the Habitat-III event, the Hon'ble Minister expressed confidence that APMCHUD would continue to act as a collective mechanism to convert the challenges in the housing and urban development into opportunities for sustainable development of the Asia Pacific region. In this context, the Hon'ble Minister also recalled that the Seoul Declaration adopted during the 5th APMCHUD held at Seoul in 2014 had emphasized that governments should continue to strengthen efforts to make human settlements in the Asia Pacific region more sustainable and resilient and give people equal and fair benefits for urban planning and development. The Hon'ble minister expressed happiness that as the chair country, the Republic of Korea has developed various policies for safe and secure human settlements over the last 60 years and has provided member countries with a venue to share its successful experiences of urban development for a short period of time. Recalling the old saying that 'if you want to go fast, go alone, but if you want to go far, go together', the Hon'ble Minister hoped that the Asia Pacific countries solidify cooperation and share experiences through this bureau meeting so that together we realize our future of stable human settlements as partners for co-prosperity. H.E Dr. Kim Kyoung-Hwan, Hon'ble Vice Minister for Land, Infrastructure and Transport (MoLIT), Republic of Korea once again welcomed the Hon'ble members of the Bureau

and all the delegates to the 4th meeting of the 5th Bureau of APMCHUD and requested for their initial remarks, before taking up the agenda items.

H.E. Dr. Hamed Mazaherian, Islamic Republic of Iran thanked the Chair for the opportunity to share initial remarks. Registering his appreciation for UN-Habitat and the Secretariat of APMCHUD for all the coordinating initiatives, the Hon'ble Minister indicated that Islamic Republic of Iran had taken up a number of initiatives as part of the Working group 2 activities and the same would be elaborated during the appropriate agenda item during the meeting.

H.E Indika Bandaranayake, Hon'ble Deputy Minister of Housing and Construction, Ministry of Housing and Construction, Sri Lanka thanked the Chair for the opportunity to share his initial remarks. The Hon'ble Minister conveyed his special appreciation and thanks to the UN-Habitat and the Habitat III Secretariat for facilitating the 4th meeting of the 5th Bureau of APMCHUD in conjunction with the Habitat III Conference in Quito, Ecuador. H.E Indika Bandaranayake indicated that this will be the preparatory meeting for the forthcoming 6th APMCHUD Conference scheduled to be held in New Delhi, India in December, 2016 which would be hosted by the Government of Republic of India. The Hon'ble Minister indicated that the Asia Pacific region is going through a very bright era of economic growth. With 60% of humanity, this region has vast human resources and promising future potential for growth and development. However, Asia pacific region is faced with critical challenges with regard to sustainable urbanization. Poverty, rapid growth of informal settlements and inadequate basic services, natural disasters and climate change are some of them. The Hon'ble Minister assured that Sri Lanka, as a member of APMCHUD, continues the support and adheres as far as possible to principles in planning and implementing housing and urban development programmes in Sri Lanka.

H.E Indika Bandaranayake further highlighted that the new government of His Excellency Mithripala Sirisena and the Prime Minister Hon'ble Ranil Wickramasinghe has launched a multi-faceted programme of balanced development, identifying housing and management of urban growth as key areas of focus. Accordingly, the government has promoted the Western Province megapolis as well as other urban centres distributed among strategic locations as an urban development strategy in association with a comprehensive shelter and infrastructure development. The Hon'ble Minister highlighted that housing has been elevated as one of the highest priorities of the government's development effort and the Government has pledged to empower citizens to become land and home owners, and that His Excellency the President has declared 2017 as the year of poverty alleviation in the country.

H.E Mohammad Salem Al-Junaidi Faris, Director General of Public Works and Housing, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan thanked the Chair for the opportunity. Thanking the UN-Habitat for facilitating the venue for the meeting, he also appreciated the efforts of the Secretariat in coordinating the arrangements. H.E Mohammad Salem Al-Junaidi Faris assured the continued support and involvement of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in the activities of APMCHUD.

H.E Mr. Arshad Omar Esmaeel, Ambassador of Iraq to Brazil/Brazil & Head of Iraqi Delegation to Habitat III indicated that **H.E Eng. Istabraq I. AL Shouk, Senior Deputy Minister of Ministry of Construction and Housing and Municipalities and Public Works and Head of the National HABITAT Committee in Iraq** could not participate in the meeting personally in view of exigencies and that he has conveyed his best wishes for the meeting. H.E Mr. Arshad Omar Esmaeel read the message of H.E Eng. Istabraq I. AL Shouk. In his address H.E Eng. Istabraq I. AL Shouk indicated that with the beginning of the HABITAT III conference, military operations began in Iraq, to liberate Mosul from ISIS, the terrorist organization, and Iraq now is in a decisive confrontation at the military, logistical and political level, with this terrorist organization that causes serious damage to his country and for the whole Arab region, which is not limited to a specific aspect, but includes planning, urban and humanity aspects, in every specific detail. Though unable to participate personally, H.E Eng. Istabraq I. AL Shouk indicated that he is looking at this historic event as a real opportunity which coincides with extraordinary military circumstance that Iraq is passing through and looks forward to the coming together of all international, regional and Arab efforts to rebuild Iraq through confirming Iraq's need of continued support from the international community by confronting the challenges of terrorism risks and achieving comprehensive and sustainable urban prosperity with equal opportunities for all, promoting social cohesion, uprooting poverty, respecting human rights, providing decent services and shelter with the productive employment of the communities affected by disasters, protecting community diversity through mutual respect, protecting cultural heritage, and participating in urban life without fear of violence and discrimination.

Despite the success of Iraq in the formulation of the National Development Plan for the years 2013-2017 with an ambitious vision, Iraq is endeavour to achieve the set objectives have been hampered because of the terrorist attack of ISIS in the middle of 2014, bringing in its wake a range of political, economic, social and cultural crises, especially the number of internally displaced persons and migrants from the provinces which were occupied by terrorist gangs of ISIS two years ago. There are more than 3.6 million displaced persons scattered in the provinces of Iraq, the financial losses in excess of \$ 23 billion for the period after 2014, the genocide against Yazidis, which includes killing of 400,000 people, sexual slavery and other crimes, at least 3,200 Yazidi women and children still being held by ISIS, theft and destruction of archaeological sites of oldest human civilizations that are global humanitarian heritage, as well as the growth of slums and informal squatters, which was one of the results of forced displacement because of terrorism.

H.E Eng. Istabraq I. AL Shouk observed in his address that the ruin of ISIS is a huge challenge and requires a national mobilization and the participation of various institutions and companies of the state by dividing the affected areas into sectors, assigning them to a party with the capacity to complete the duties, while eschewing pointless public statements. But there is a need to determine the scale of destruction in a realistic way, specifying the required projects with their demands of machinery, equipment, construction materials, and estimating finances to support the engineering

efforts to return the situation to what it was before the war. In this context, H.E Eng. Istabraq I. AL Shouk, Senior Deputy Minister, Ministry of Construction and Housing and Municipalities and Public Works observed in his address that the Ministry of Construction and Housing and Municipalities and Public Works has taken the initiative, as the sectoral ministry concerned in housing and sustainable urban development, in supporting the Iraqi government's measures to address the multiple crises by providing the ministry's resources to the reconstruction process and building areas devastated by terror, rebuilding destroyed infrastructure which is the basic nerve centre of life, before returning of displaced persons to the liberated areas, addressing urban distortions, through the programme of settlement and rehabilitation of slums, modernization of the national housing policy in collaboration with the United Nations Human Settlements Programme in Iraq, and directing housing loans of the CBI initiative as a priority for the reconstruction of housing units in the liberated areas.

H.E Eng. Istabraq I. AL Shouk, Senior Deputy Minister, Ministry of Construction and Housing and Municipalities and Public Works thanked and registered his appreciation to Ecuador for hosting various activities and also the Bureau for follow up of ideas and concepts that have been launched in the series of meetings of the Bureau.

Dr. Nandita Chatterjee, Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation, Government of India thanked the Chair and indicated that **H.E Mr.Venkaiah Naidu, Hon'ble Minister of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation, Urban Development and Information & Broadcasting, Republic of India** could not personally join the meeting in view of official exigencies and that he conveys his best wishes for the success of the meeting. Thanking the UN-Habitat for facilitating the meeting and its continued support and guidance in the affairs of APMCHUD, Dr Nandita Chatterjee shared the message of the Hon'ble Minister with the Hon'ble members of the Bureau. In his message H.E Mr.Venkaiah Naidu conveyed his satisfaction on the progress of APMCHUD, as an effective collaborative mechanism in the field of housing and urban development, since its beginning in 2006, in New Delhi. He noted that at the threshold of a decade of its efforts, the collective engagement of the member countries has enabled it to maintain its vibrant character all through. The Hon'ble Minister conveyed that India is indeed grateful to APMCHUD for agreeing to the proposal of India hosting the 6th APMCHUD in New Delhi this year. Briefly highlighting the activities under the Working Group I, the Hon'ble Minister indicated that, as the lead country of the Working Group on 'Urban and Rural Planning and Management', India had taken up in October 2016 a study through the coordinating Institution namely Human Settlements Management Institute on one of the contemporary issues of urbanisation – peri-urbanisation and related aspects. The World habitat Day 2016 was also celebrated with a number of programmes, with focus on the theme of 'Housing at the centre'. The event at New Delhi by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation saw participation by the UN-Habitat's Regional office for Asia pacific at Fukuoka as well.

H.E Mr.Venkaiah Naidu, Hon'ble Minister of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation, Urban Development & Information & Broadcasting, Republic of India in his message further indicated that India is passing through a momentous period in respect to overall

development, and particularly in respect of housing and urban development sector. A number of programmes focussed on inclusive and sustainable development of human settlements are under implementation in mission mode. Some of these include the programme of 'Housing for All' with comprehensive strategies towards achieving this objective by 2022, the programme for development of 100 Smart cities in competitive mode, programme for rejuvenation and transformation of 500 cities of over 100,000 population with adequate strengthening of infrastructure facilities, and the programme for revitalisation and integrated infrastructure development in heritage cities. The Hon'ble Minister also offered that India would be very happy to share its successful experiments in the field of housing and urban development and would also be happy to learn from innovative approaches being followed by member countries in the Asia Pacific region.

H.E. Dr.M.Basuki Hadimuljono, Hon'ble Minister for Public Works and Housing, Republic of Indonesia could not join in the meeting due to certain exigencies, and Dr.Lana Winayanti, Deputy for Housing Finance Evaluation, Ministry of Public Works and Housing, Republic of Indonesia represented the Hon'ble Minister and read out the address. In his opening remarks, the Hon'ble Minister thanked the Government of Republic of Korea and the APMCHUD secretariat for arranging the meeting and registered his highest respect and appreciation to the Government of India for their continuous support and commitment for APMCHUD and hosting the upcoming 6th APMCHUD. Indicating that the Government of Indonesia continues its commitment for APMCHUD, the Hon'ble Minister in his address highlighted that in the past year, Indonesia has been active in the execution of activities to support the implementation of the Seoul Declaration, and also has been an active partner of the United Nations in the progress towards Habitat III, which included the Prepcom3 in Surabaya, in July 2016, and also hosting of the 3rd Bureau meeting of APMCHUD. The Hon'ble Minister further highlighted that to support the Working Group on Sustainable Urban Development with a focus on climate change and disasters, Indonesia had held several events such as the workshop on Resilient Cities in Surabaya, together with the Rutgers University and 100 Resilient Cities. He added that the efforts to build resilient cities in Indonesia will continue as Jakarta now joins Semarang in the 100 Resilient City Program. In addition, it was informed that Indonesia also hosted the 4th ministerial meeting on Disaster Management and several other meetings on disaster risk reduction for the ASEAN community.

Outlining the progress of APMCHUD, the Hon'ble Minister highlighted in his address that it has been 10 years since the APMCHUD was first established in New Delhi, India, in December 2016, and that the first conference set the vision for sustainable urban development. Since then, the APMCHUD conferences held every two years were consistently held under different themes to support this vision. The New Urban Agenda, which is set to be adopted during the Habitat III conference will become the guiding document for housing and sustainable urban development for the next 20 years. He suggested that it is time to reflect on the current and past activities of APMCHUD to examine whether the efforts are significant enough to support APMCHUD's vision as a knowledge hub for sustainable housing and urban development in the Asia Pacific

region and for the implementation of the New Urban Agenda. He further added that it is indeed time to think about what is the role of APMCHUD in facilitating the process of implementing the New Urban Agenda, what steps should we take and what needs to change so we may have a more workable and effective agenda in reaching the vision of sustainable housing and urban development, and how can we strengthen partnerships amongst stakeholders in the Asia Pacific region. He suggested that the APMCHUD conference may ponder on these aspects, including reviewing the effectiveness of our organization and how it can work better to achieve our common goal.

With the above initial remarks by the Hon'ble members, and with the permission of the Chair, the agenda items were taken up in sequence.

Item No. 1 : Confirmation of the Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the 5th Bureau of the Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development (APMCHUD) held at Surabaya, Republic of Indonesia on 26th July, 2016

The Deputy Chief Coordinator indicated that the 3rd meeting of the 5th Bureau of APMCHUD was held at Surabaya, Republic of Indonesia on 26th July, 2016, and a copy of the Minutes of the meeting was circulated to the Hon'ble Members of the Bureau and was posted on the website of APMCHUD as well. (www.apmchud.com). A copy of the Minutes was also placed at Annexure 'A' as part of the agenda.

In this regard, the Deputy Chief Coordinator indicated that the APMCHUD secretariat has received a reference from the Republic of Iraq for a modification. As part of the 'Item No. 4: Information about the already approved agenda item relating to Organizational Issues - Resource base for APMCHUD – Status and way forward', the minutes had read as follows:

'...The Republic of Iraq requested that the details to enable making contribution by member countries may be informed to the member countries by the Bureau Secretariat.'

The Republic of Iraq has now desired that the same may be modified as follows:

'...The Iraq Government gave preliminary approval of the annual financial contribution to the resources base for APMCHUD and information will be given on completion of the procedures of depositing the amount of \$ 10,000 in the bank account of the secretariat.'

The Bureau considered the above and confirmed the Minutes along with the modification desired by the Republic of Iraq.

Item No. 2 : Action Taken subsequent to the 3rd Meeting of the 5th Bureau held on 26th July, 2016 at Surabaya, Republic of Indonesia - Report by the Chief Coordinator

A report on the actions taken on the decisions of the 3rd Meeting of the 5th Bureau held on 26th July, 2016 at Surabaya, Republic of Indonesia was presented by the Deputy Chief Coordinator.

In respect of '**Item No. 3: Activities of the Working Groups – reports/ Information by the Lead Countries of the 5 working groups**', it was decided that the draft revised theme of Working Group 4 could be 'Sustainable Smart Cities and Housing Finance' and that the same may be discussed in the 4th Bureau of APMCHUD so that the decision can be considered and finalized in the 6th APMCHUD'. It was informed that a separate item on the subject has been placed in the current Bureau meeting for consideration.

In respect of the '**Item No. 5 : Information/Report by the Host country of 6th APMCHUD - Republic of India on preparations for the 6th APMCHUD in 2016**', it was decided that in the forthcoming Bureau meeting in Quito, Ecuador, India may present the details on further progress'. It was informed that a separate item on the subject has been placed in the current Bureau meeting for consideration.

In respect of '**Item No. 6 : Sharing of Information on Policies/Programmes/Innovative approaches/ best practices in the field of Housing and Urban Development including Conferences/Seminars organized by the member countries of Asia Pacific Region – in the web-site of APMCHUD**', the Bureau had decided that as a first step, all the Bureau countries may nominate a nodal officer with whom the secretariat may interact in this regard, and that the member countries may like to provide details on the web-sites for which a link could be established with that of the web-site of APMCHUD. In this regard, it was informed that Secretariat is interacting with the member countries for the details requested.

As part of '**Item No. 7 : Any other item with the permission of the Chair**', on the subject of '**Holding of the 4th Meeting of the 5th Bureau of APMCHUD in Quito, Ecuador during Habitat III event in October 2016**', it was decided that the APMCHUD Secretariat may interact with the UN-HABITAT Habitat-III Secretariat for facilitating venue for holding the 4th Bureau meeting at Quito, Ecuador during the Habitat III event, and that the UN-HABITAT Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific – Fukuoka may also be approached to extend all possible help to the Secretariat of APMCHUD to firm up the arrangement. In this regard, it was informed that the APMCHUD Secretariat interacted with the Habitat-III Secretariat while taking the help of UN-HABITAT and, accordingly, the current meeting is being held in Quito. The Bureau registered its appreciation for the gracious help of UN-HABITAT in this regard.

Item No. 3: Activities of the Working Groups – reports/Information by the Lead Countries of the 5 working groups

The Deputy Chief Coordinator requested the lead countries of the 5 working groups to share any information on their activities, either now or the same may be communicated to the Secretariat at a later date, which would in turn be communicated to all the Hon'ble members.

Presenting its report on the activities of the Working Group 1 on Urban and Rural Planning and Management, Republic of India informed that details of the **International event on `Human Settlements Planning & Design : A Shared Understanding`, held on 24th June, 2016 at New Delhi, which was attended by representatives from the Embassies and High Commissions located in Delhi from 8 Asia Pacific countries namely Japan, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Islamic Republic of Iran, Republic of Iraq, Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Republic of Korea, Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and Republic of India, in addition to UN-Habitat, GIZ and Asia Cities Alliance-UNOPS, had already been reported during the 3rd meeting of the Bureau held at Surabaya.**

Further, subsequent to the 3rd meeting, in the context of rapid urbanization along with spatial transformation and blurring of rural-urban boundaries, a study has been sponsored on the nature of Peri-urbanization process in one of the Hill states of India, which calls for re-engineering of Urban Governance Instruments to integrate and strengthen the urban centres and surrounding rural areas so as to mainstream urbanization. It was indicated that the study is an attempt to understand this trend of urbanization in the context of hilly habitations and draws contours of this challenge in this setting. Planning becomes specially significant for hilly states in terms of a fragile ecosystem, vulnerability to disasters, protection of unique natural heritage and resource constraints. It was highlighted that the findings from this study will not only contribute to the policy level macro discussion on the new forms of urbanization and develop mechanisms to plan beyond municipal boundaries but will also contribute in sharing of knowledge and experiences on this growing problem among Asia Pacific countries during the upcoming conference on Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development (APMCHUD) at New Delhi. A copy of the report prepared was also shared with the Hon'ble Members of the Bureau.

Highlighting various initiatives taken up as part of the Working Group 2 on Upgrading of Slum and Informal Settlements, **H.E Dr.Hamed Mazaherian, Hon'ble Deputy Minister for Housing and Construction, Ministry of Roads and Urban Development, Islamic Republic of Iran** indicated that the `Implementation Plan` as adopted during the 5th meeting of APMCHUD in Seoul in November 2014 required the following in respect of the working group 2 : (a) Prioritize socio-economic enablement in urban regeneration of slums, informal settlements and deteriorated fabrics though a citywide, street-based approach; (b) Exploit the role of the provision of basic services and infrastructure, as well as public catalytic projects to stimulate development and enrich urban space; and (c) Develop policies for promoting equal opportunities in slums and creating inclusive cities without discrimination through facilitating the participation of slum-dwellers in the decision-making process. It was indicated that with regard to these items, the Ministry of

Roads and Urban Development, Islamic Republic of Iran has tried to update and revise existing slum upgrading legislation to promote economic buoyancy and social integration through urban regeneration, slum upgrading, and urban (re)development projects at different scales, including national spatial frameworks, regional planning, city-wide planning, neighbourhood design and public space design. The new bill calls for a holistic approach to upgrading and redevelopment projects with the participation of all relevant ministries in form of a National Empowerment Task Force at national, provincial and local levels. Furthermore, emphasis has been laid on community-based organizations which will take the lead in the actual upgrading or redevelopment projects. Furthermore, this legal document paves the ground for utilizing Information Technology as an effective instrument for engaging youth in slum upgrading and redevelopment projects. It was hoped that this legal document can serve as a model to be replicated in and adapted to other situations.

Elaborating further, H.E Dr.Hamed Mazaherian indicated that the Implementation Plan also requires that (d) Knowledge and experiences be shared by contributing to the best practices database and the competitive award established by the WG2 Secretariat; and (e) the experience gained by volunteer countries in pilot-testing slum indicators be scaled up across the region for inclusion in the slum upgrading database. With regard to these items, it was indicated that a series of three workshops were organized in September in 2015 in Tehran to discuss the documentation of good practices and scaling up and replication of community based successful practices. National and international experts from the region contributed to these workshops and the results have been placed in the Working Group Website.

H.E Dr.Hamed Mazaherian in his address also highlighted few more requirements of the Implementation Plan covering (f) preparation of national reports highlighting respective best practices and employing slum upgrading indicators for setting slum upgrading goals, targets, and timelines; and (g) presenting the results of this pilot-testing exercise and sharing information and experiences in upgrading slums in the Expert Working Group meeting organised by the Islamic Republic of Iran in 2015. In this regard it was indicated that the 3rd Expert Meeting of the Regional Slum Upgrading was held in Tehran, on 29th November to 1st December 2015. It was indicated that this Meeting was attended by several member countries, and the Hon'ble Minister appreciated, in particular, the contributions of India, Iraq, Korea, Pakistan and Indonesia to the deliberations and the presentations by Thailand, India, Iraq, Korea and Islamic Republic of Iran in this Expert Meeting. UN-Habitat, in particular its Participatory Slum Upgrading Programme and UN-Habitat Office in Tehran, also significantly contributed to this Expert Meeting. H.E Dr.Hamed Mazaherian further indicated that in addition to this Expert Meeting, an International Conference on Urban Slums was organized in May 2016, in the city of Sanandaj, Kurdistan Province. This conference was attended by a wide range of professionals and academia from several countries, who shared their lessons learnt and reviewed their experiences in the area of urban slums. UN-Habitat Participatory Slum Upgrading Programme and UN-Habitat Office in Tehran also contributed to this Conference. The results of this Conference have also been uploaded on the Conference Website as well as the WG2 Website.

Elaborating further, the Hon'ble Minister indicated that in respect of the last requirement of the Implementation Plan namely (h) Expanding the level and scope of participation in the Virtual Scientific Committee established by the Islamic Republic of Iran for the Slum Upgrading Working Group to share information and experiences, the WG2 Secretariat had tried to collect the experiences of countries in the Asia-Pacific region regarding urban upgrading which demonstrate that social integration, inclusion and cohesion can be promoted through urban upgrading projects. To this end, a slum upgrading database has been developed which will hold information on upgrading initiatives in all member countries. He requested for contribution of experiences and experiments of member countries to this database, underling that when completed, such a database will significantly assist all the member countries in their planning activities. H.E Dr.Hamed Mazaherian hoped to receive information from other member countries and their vigorous participation in the Virtual Scientific Committee established by the Secretariat of the Slum Upgrading Working Group.

With regard to various activities under the aegis of the **working group 3 - Delivery of Basic Services**, jointly led by Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and Republic of Maldives, Mr. Palansuriya indicated that Sri Lanka was ranked 73rd in the human development index in 2014 and has comfortably surpassed most of the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) targets set for 2015. He stressed that availability of adequate infrastructure facilities and delivery of basic services is a pre-condition for economic development. It also plays a complementary role in creating a sound base for healthy urban growth and decent environment for the people.

Mr. Palansuriya observed that inadequate household access to basic services remains the most critical and widespread problem in low income settlements in Asia pacific region. It is probably one of the most important factors in the high infant and child mortality rates encountered in so many deprived neighborhoods. The governance for basic services covers the full range of arrangements through which government and other actors work together to install and manage the basic services systems. These arrangements often fail the poor, who are at a disadvantage in both the market and in the public policy arena, and often end up using systems that are unhealthy and even illegal. He highlighted that Sri lanka was among the first countries to commit towards securing adequate shelter for all in sustainable human settlements promoted in Habitat I and adopting the community contract system in delivering the basic services efficiently for the poor communities in undeserved settlements. He elaborated that the national Housing Policy of Sri Lanka has identified the provision of infrastructure and service facilities by local level institutions as revenue generating projects rather than operating as delivery of services. Accordingly, the infrastructure service provision strategic policy guidelines have been proposed for the poor communities and the deprived neighborhoods. Mr. Palansuriya expressed happiness that this special forum of APMCHUD Bureau is an appropriate place to highlight Sri lanka's commitment in implementing the Seoul Declaration on housing and urban development endorsed by the member countries of APMCHUD.

Mr. Palansuriya further indicated that being organised jointly by Sri Lanka with Maldives, there have been difficulties in taking up collaborative initiatives. It was decided after due

deliberations that Sri Lanka may forward the details in this regard to the Secretariat for taking them up further.

Highlighting various activities taken up by the Republic of Indonesia as part of the **Working Group 5** on Urban Development with a focus on Natural and Climatic Change related Disasters, Ms. Rina Agustin Indriani, Secretary Director General for Human Settlement, indicated that in September 2015, the Declaration of One ASEAN One Response was signed by 9 state leaders of Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) for disaster management within and beyond Southeast Asian region. In October 2016, Indonesia hosted the 4th Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management and 5th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER) Day for Disaster Management.

Elaborating various activities under taken on aspects relating to Working Group 5, it was informed that the Center for Research and Development on Housing and Settlements, Ministry of Public Works and Housing had (a) set up the Center of National Earthquake Study (PUSGEN), with the main tasks of taking up research, development, dissemination, and promotion of technology and knowledge, instruments, and practices of natural disasters risks mitigation, (b) PUSGEN will update the Indonesia Earthquake Map during the current year of 2016 itself. Further, the Regional Center for Community Empowerment on Housing and Urban Development (RCCEHUD) had (a) organized a Workshop on Resilience Planning and Strategic Implementation in Surabaya, on 23 July 2016, as a part of parallel event in PrepCom3, in cooperation with Association of Indonesian Engineers (PII), University of 17 Agustus 1945 (UNTAG) Surabaya, Rutgers University and American Planning Association (APA), (b) participated in PrepCom3 exhibition in Surabaya and also participated in the side event entitled “Local Government Approaches to the Implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction” during the PrepCom3 in Surabaya, which was led by United Cities and Local Government (UCLG) in collaboration with United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UN-ISDR). (c) building the network and cooperation with the World Bank, UN-Habitat, International Urban Training Center (IUTC) South Korea, and Indonesian Habitat Secretariat for training management, such as on resilience training and executive training in housing and urban development, and (d) providing data and information on best practices and community empowerment related with housing and urban development and updating data and information in RC-CEHUD website <http://puskim.pu.go.id/rccehud/>.

Indonesia further indicated that in addition, activities have also been taken up by the Directorate General of Human Settlements (DGHS), Ministry of Public Works and Housing (MPWH), which include (a) Emergency Response Program for disaster management – for immediate actions to prevent further impacts of disaster, which include rescue and evacuation of the victims and properties, basic needs fulfillment, protection, refugee management, infrastructure and facility restoration, (b) establishment of Emergency Response Task Force with 350 skilled and trained personnel (c) establishment of 4 (four) Emergency Response Workshops located in

Medan, Bekasi, Surabaya, and Makassar - each workshop is equipped with facilities such Mobile Water Treatment, Mobile Water Tank, Public Hydrant, Emergency Tents, Knock-down Toilets, and Knock Portable Toilets, (d) MPWH initiated Early Warning System and Mitigation Management for prevention action (e) MPWH initiated rehabilitation, reconstruction, and establishment of Temporary Evacuation Shelter (TES) for post-disaster actions, which are built in 7 locations in Indonesia with vulnerability to natural disasters. These shelters, which are equipped with basic services such as water and sanitation, can accommodate 5,000 to 10,000 people (f) all disaster management programmes, for which MPWH coordinates with National and Local Agency of Disaster Management (BNPBB/BDPBB).

Item No. 4: Enlarging the scope of the Working Group 4 : 'Sustainable Housing Finance' to 'Sustainable Smart Cities and Housing Finance' – Proposal

Detailing out the agenda, the Deputy Chief Coordinator indicated that during the course of the 3rd meeting of the 4th Bureau of APMCHUD held at Surabaya on 26th July, 2016, while reviewing the various activities under each of the 5 working groups, the Republic of Iraq had suggested that there is a need to look into the structure of the Working Groups in terms of the subjects they deal with, in light of the New Urban Agenda under evolution through the HABITAT III. Agreeing with the suggestion, Republic of Korea felt that there is a potential to add a theme on Smart Cities in its broader context of sustainable and comprehensive development of cities. The Chairperson indicated that there are two options available in this regard. Firstly, to continue with the existing structure of 5 working groups but enlarge their scope and coverage in line with the emerging New Urban Agenda and related imperatives, or, alternatively, to create new theme(s) with identification of lead country(s) for the same.

In the above context, Republic of Korea further indicated that since Republic of Korea has suggested 'Smart Cities' as a new global agenda in the PrepCom-III, the revised theme of WG 4 could be 'Sustainable Smart Cities and Housing Finance' instead of the current 'Financing Sustainable Housing'. It had been further suggested that this may be discussed in the 4th Bureau of APMCHUD so that the matter can be considered and finalized in the 6th APMCHUD. This was agreed to, and it was decided that the Secretariat may accordingly add an item for consideration of the Bureau on revised theme of Working Group 4 the agenda of the 4th meeting of the 5th Bureau to be held in Quito.

It is in this context, the current item has been placed for consideration and as the Working Groups are constituted by the biennial conference of APMCHUD, the recommendation of the Bureau shall be placed for consideration of the APMCHUD during its forthcoming 6th Conference at New Delhi in December, 2016, as part of the item on 'Organizational matters'.

During deliberations, the Republic of India opined that the themes of 'Financing Sustainable Housing' and the aspect of 'Sustainable Smart Cities' are standalone

broad themes, and combining these two to read as 'Sustainable Smart Cities and Housing Finance' would not be justified. These two themes may therefore be considered independently. During deliberations, the issue of requirement of an additional lead country for a new working group theme, or the possibility of one country taking lead in respect of two working groups was discussed. It was noted that as the working groups are led by member countries on voluntary basis, there has been no specific indication on the number of working groups one country may lead, or the total number of working groups. It was noted that the current status of working groups on five focal themes continues since the 2nd Conference in Tehran.

In the above context, after deliberations, the Bureau decided that the Republic of Korea's proposal may be taken to the 6th Conference of APMCHUD for consideration of either having a revised theme covering both housing and smart cities or having independent themes under two working groups on 'Financing Sustainable Housing' and on 'Sustainable Smart Cities'.

It was further decided that the issues of (i) Relevance of the current sub-themes of Working Groups in light of the imminent passage of the New Urban Agenda, (ii) revisiting the number of working groups, and (iii) structure and regulations for constitution of Working Groups may also be placed as an item for consideration during the 6th APMCHUD at New Delhi, as part of the 'Organizational Matters'. In the interregnum, Members of the Bureau may communicate their suggestions in this regard to the APMCHUD secretariat.

Item No. 5: Organizational Issues - Resource base for APMCHUD – Status

The Deputy Chief Coordinator apprised the Members about the latest status of contributions made by member countries to the resource base of APMCHUD. It was informed that on 31st March, 2016, the Secretariat has received from the Republic of India, a total of US\$ 60,000, covering a one-time amount of USD 50,000 and annual contribution of USD 10,000 for APMCHUD, which was reported to the Bureau in its 3rd meeting held at Surabaya. It was further informed that in continuation of the receipt of USD 60,000 reported already, the Republic of India vide its letter dated 1st September, 2016 has communicated the sanction of USD 10,000 towards annual contribution of annual to APMCHUD for the period 2016-17. It was also informed that the Republic of Iraq has given its preliminary approval for the annual financial contribution to the resources base for APMCHUD and that it will inform the Secretariat on completion of the procedure for depositing the amount of USD 10,000 in the bank account of the secretariat. The details of the bank account of APMCHUD maintained at Delhi were also indicated in the agenda.

The Deputy Chief Coordinator further proposed that the status of the resource base may be reported to the APMCHUD during the forthcoming 6th Conference at New Delhi in December, 2016, as part of the item on 'Organizational matters', which was agreed to by the Bureau.

Item No.6: Information/Report by the Host country of 6th APMCHUD - Republic of India on preparations for the 6th APMCHUD in 2016

The details on the status of preparations for the 6th APMCHUD Conference in 2016 were presented by Mr Satinder Pal Singh, Director (Housing), Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation, Government of India (GoI) and Deputy Chief Coordinator of Bureau of APMCHUD. The Director (Housing), GoI indicated that the status of preparations was presented during the 3rd meeting of the 5th Bureau held at Surabaya on 26th July, 2016, which included the following:

- (i) Date(s) of the 6th Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development (APMCHUD) - 14th – 16th December, 2016 at New Delhi;
- (ii) the theme of the Conference is “Emerging Urban Forms - Policy Responses and Governance Structure”,
- (iii) Sub-themes for the Working Groups in line with the main theme of the Conference are as follows:

Main theme of the 6th APMCHUD in New Delhi:
“Emerging Urban Forms-Policy Responses and Governance Structure”

Working Group	<u>Sub-themes for the Working Groups, in line with the main theme of the Conference of “Emerging Urban Forms – Policy Responses and Governance Structure”</u>
I. Urban and Rural Planning and Management (Lead country - Republic of India)	Integrated Planning, management and governance structure Imperatives
II. Upgrading of Slums and Informal Settlements (Lead country - Islamic Republic of Iran)	Un-organised growth in peripheral areas and slum upgradation aspects
III. Delivery of Basic Services (Jointly led by Sri Lanka and Maldives)	Ensuring basic services including mobility for integrated development
IV. Financing Sustainable Housing (Lead country - Republic of Korea)	Ensuring access to housing and housing finance in the urban-rural continuum
V. Urban development with reference to Natural and Climate Change related Disasters. (Lead country - Republic of Indonesia)	Ensuring sustainable and natural disaster resilient urban development including climate change

- iv) A Steering Committee under the Chairpersonship of Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation (HUPA) and an Organizing Committee under the Chairpersonship of Joint Secretary (Housing)/ Chief Coordinator, APMCHUD have been constituted.

While approving the above and registering its appreciation, the Bureau had decided that in the 4th meeting of the 5th Bureau scheduled to be held in Quito, Ecuador, India may present the details on further progress, and accordingly this presentation is being made.

Elaborating on further progress in the preparations for the 6th Conference in New Delhi, the Director (Housing), GoI, while circulating the details, provided highlights of the proposed 3-day programme. The overall 3 day programme and details of each days programme were circulated in the meeting/was part of the presentation as well. The broad composition of the sessions on the three days is as follows:

1st Day: Forenoon would have 2 sessions covering the inaugural plenary, followed by the session on country statements by the Hon'ble Ministers/Leaders of Delegation of the participating countries. The session on country statements is a new addition. The post lunch sessions would include a meeting of Senior Official to deliberate on 'Organizational matters', followed by parallel meetings of the 5 Working Groups. A cultural programme-cum-dinner has been planned in the evening on the first day.

2nd Day: The forenoon sessions would cover a special session on 'Implementation of the New Urban Agenda', followed by the second parallel meetings of the 5 Working Groups. The post lunch sessions would include the third parallel meetings of the 5 Working Groups, which would be followed by a visit to select innovative projects covering new town development, innovative technology park, and a redevelopment project in the city. The drafting Committee would hold parallel discussions for formulating the draft New Delhi Declaration and Implementation Plan. Subsequent to the site visits, the teams would converge at Purana Qila (Old Fort) for a light-and-sound show, subsequent to which a dinner would be hosted at a nearby venue.

3rd Day: The forenoon sessions would include presentation of the New Delhi Declaration and Implementation Plan by the Drafting Committee and finalization of the same. This shall be followed by the Ministerial Plenary which would consider and adopt the New Delhi Declaration and Implementation Plan, after which the concluding Plenary session would be held. This would be followed by a Press Conference and lunch.

With regard to the conduct of parallel working group sessions, Director (Housing), Government of India solicited cooperation of the Lead countries of the working groups for the following: (i) The working group parallel sessions would be Chaired by the respective Lead countries, (ii) A short theme paper (5 to 10 pages) on the respective sub-themes of the working groups would be required to be prepared and uploaded on the web-site (iii) A presentation on the sub-theme of the working group shall be made in the first parallel session of the working groups by the respective lead countries, (iv) The lead countries may solicit member countries to make presentations in the parallel sessions on respective working group sub-themes. There can be 2 to 3 such presentations in each of the three parallel sessions. This would include the lead presentation as well as a presentation by the UN-Habitat in each working group, and (v) the finalized recommendations of the working groups and the corresponding Action Plans would be given to the Committee drafting the New Delhi Declaration and Implementation Plan.

During deliberations, the Republic of Indonesia indicated that the 6th APMCHUD would be the first major multi-country event after the adoption of the New Urban Agenda and,

accordingly, it would be a good opportunity to discuss issues relating to implementation of the New Urban Agenda and that the same should be reflected in the main theme of the conference. It was also indicated that it may be time that the titles and focus of the working groups are reformulated in the current context. With regard to the sub-theme of working group 5, it was indicated that rather than reading as 'urban development with a focus on natural and climate change related disasters', the sub-theme of working group 5 could be revised to highlight Resilient Cities.

Concurring with the view that it may be time that the focal themes could be considered for revision, the Islamic Republic of Iran suggested that the theme of the Working Group could focus on 'regeneration of cities'. It was felt that, as already decided while deliberating on Agenda Item No. 4, further clarity would be desirable on aspects like the number of working groups a member country may lead, the number of working groups APMCHUD may have, etc.

Responding to the suggestion on the main theme, Republic of India indicated that the main theme of the conference as approved by Government of India indeed focuses on the New Urban Agenda and, in case required, this could be explicitly highlighted with the theme reading as 'Emerging Urban Forms – Policy Responses and Governance Structure in the context of the New Urban Agenda'.

After deliberations, the Bureau decided the following: (1) the theme proposed by the Host country – Republic of India may explicitly highlight the context of New Urban Agenda and may thus read as 'Emerging Urban Forms – Policy Responses and Governance Structure in the context of the New Urban Agenda'. (2) For the 6th Conference, all the sub-themes as proposed by India may continue, with the overall context of New Urban Agenda in focus. (3) In the context of 10 years of APMCHUD and also in the context of the New Urban Agenda, the Bureau member countries may like to provide their considered views/suggestions on addition of working group(s) on new themes, restructuring of the existing working groups, including reviewing the number of working groups one country may lead. (4) The first parallel session of the working groups during the 6th APMCHUD may focus on the state of progress of the working groups on the existing sub-themes. During the subsequent sessions, the working groups may deliberate on issues such as the need for restructuring of the working groups and review of the respective sub-themes. (5) The member countries may formalize their suggestions in this regard, if any, and forward the same to the Secretariat at the earliest, and certainly before 31st November, 2016, so that the issues/suggestions are appropriately incorporated in the items for consideration as part of 'organizational matters'. (6) The drafting Committee, on which the respective working groups would also be represented, may consider all these issues in its final recommendations.

The Chairperson solicited the cooperation of the member countries for their early response.

Item No. 7: Sharing of Information on Policies/Programmes/Innovative approaches/best practices in the field of Housing and Urban Development including Conferences/Seminars organized by the member countries of Asia Pacific Region – in the web-site of APMCHUD

The Deputy Chief Coordinator indicated that during the 3rd meeting of the 5th Bureau held at Surabaya on 26th July, 2016, it was proposed that information on Policies/Programmes/ Innovative approaches/ best practices in the field of Housing and Urban Development, including Conferences/Seminars organized by the member countries of Asia Pacific Region may be forwarded to the Secretariat, for posting on the web-site of APMCHUD Secretariat. In addition, the relevant web-site addresses were also requested to be provided so that appropriate links could be incorporated in the APMCHUD web-pages. It was also requested that it would be ideal if a nodal officer is nominated with whom the Secretariat may interact in this regard, and the details may be forwarded to the Secretariat. It was therefore decided that as a first step, all the Bureau countries may nominate a nodal officer with whom the Secretariat may interact in this regard, and that the member countries may like to provide details on the web-sites for which a link could be established in the web-site of APMCHUD.

It was informed that the Secretariat is interacting with the member countries in this regard. It was further proposed that towards enlisting the cooperation of the member countries in strengthening the information base on Asia Pacific region maintained through the web-site of Secretariat of APMCHUD, the above request may be posed to the member countries of the APMCHUD during the forthcoming 6th Conference at New Delhi in December, 2016, as part of the item on 'Organizational matters'. The Bureau approved the same.

Item No. 8 : Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

The Republic of Iran, with the permission of the chair, raised the issue of establishing a network for sharing experiences with respect to disaster mitigation and disaster resilience.

It was decided that further discussion can be held in this regard during the 6th APMCHUD at New Delhi.

**4th Meeting of the 5th Bureau of the
Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development
(APMCHUD)**

Date: October 18, 2016 (4.30 PM to 6.30 PM)

Venue: Quito, Ecuador

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Hon'ble Deputy Minister of Housing and Construction,
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UN-Habitat

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Mr. L.S.Palansuriya,
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Republic of India

Mr. Saurav Kumar,
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REFERENCE MATERIAL

**6TH ASIA PACIFIC MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON
HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (APMCHUD)**

THE NEW DELHI DECLARATION

**New Delhi
14-16 December 2016**

We, the Asia-Pacific Ministers responsible for Housing and Urban Development, meeting in New Delhi, India, from 14 to 16 December 2016, to consider the challenges of and to explore opportunities for sustainable housing and urbanization in Asia and the Pacific;

Express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Government of India for the excellent arrangements of the Sixth Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development (APMCHUD) and our gratitude to the people of the Republic of India for their warm reception and hospitality accorded to us throughout our stay;

Also express our sincere gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Korea for hosting the 5th APMCHUD and successfully chairing the 5th Bureau of APMCHUD, and providing excellent leadership and guidance during its tenure;

Convey our gratitude to the Executive Director of UN-Habitat for the continuing support provided by UN-Habitat since the establishment of APMCHUD;

Thank with appreciation the Government of India and in particular the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation for the continued hosting of the Permanent Secretariat of APMCHUD in New Delhi, and also for the lead taken in strengthening the resource base of the APMCHUD;

Take note with appreciation the progress that APMCHUD has made in its journey of a decade since its establishment, serving as an inter-governmental consultative mechanism and effectively facilitating cooperation and collaboration in fostering sustainable housing and urban development;

Reaffirm our determination to continue pursuing the realization of the goals and objectives of APMCHUD as set forth in its first Declaration in Delhi, further strengthened and expanded in the subsequent Declarations pronounced in Tehran, Solo, Amman and Seoul;

Noting that this 6th APMCHUD is the first major regional meeting of ministers of housing and urban development since the conclusion of Habitat III and the endorsement of the New Urban Agenda;

Strongly reaffirm the commitments our governments made with regard to the goals in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, especially Goal 11 to make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable; and the transformative commitments for sustainable urban development agreed to in the New Urban Agenda;

Take the opportunity of meeting here in New Delhi to strengthen our resolve, and respective as well as joint actions towards the effective implementation of the New Urban Agenda;

Conscious of the fact that urbanization in the Asia Pacific region has had a significant positive association with improved levels of the standard of living at large, and that the positive potential of urbanisation is yet to be fully realized;

Realize the rapid pace of urbanization in the recent past in the Asia Pacific region and its projected faster pace in the years to come, and simultaneously recognizing that such rapid pace is expected to result in emerging spontaneous urban forms which may become unmanageable and unsustainable;

Recognising that the 25th session of the Governing Council of the UN-Habitat, in 2015, focused on Enhancing Urban-Rural Linkages across the Continuum of Human Settlements to Harness the Transformative Power of Urbanization for Sustainable Development, which has significant relevance for the Asia Pacific region;

Reaffirm our commitment for ensuring affordable housing for all as a component of an improved standard of living; and support skill development, training and capacity development initiatives to empower and strengthen skills and abilities of all stakeholders;

Reaffirm our intent, to regularly convene to share our experiences, good practices, innovative approaches and challenges in the field of housing and urban development towards ensuring sustainability, equity and inclusiveness;

Recognise, in the light of the New Urban Agenda, the special significance and strategic challenges of the policy and governance reforms as a result of the expanding city regions, cities and towns in many parts of Asia Pacific, requiring appropriate national urban policies, urban legal frameworks, integrated urban and territorial planning and design, urban financing frameworks and appropriate multi-level governance frameworks encouraging action by all stakeholders, including effective cooperation between national, subnational and local governments;

Fully aware that sustainable development efforts, in particular alleviating and eradicating poverty in all its forms, removing inequalities, minimizing environmental degradation, restraining social and economic exclusion and spatial segregation, allows us to achieve balanced rural and urban development and enable us to fully capitalize on our rich diversity in culture, tradition, language, religion and civilization in our region;

Appreciating the significant efforts made by the lead countries of the five APMCHUD Working Groups led by the Republic of India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Republic of Maldives, the Republic of Korea and the Republic of Indonesia for sharing of information and experiences in the respective fields amongst the countries of our Region;

Confirming our resolve for a voluntary, country-led, open, inclusive, multilevel, participatory and transparent follow-up to enable the effective implementation of the New Urban Agenda, in collaboration with United Nations system and, in particular, UN-Habitat;

Reiterate our commitment for APMCHUD and its Working Groups to serve as a forum and network to discuss our follow-up actions on the commitments of the New Urban Agenda and the goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

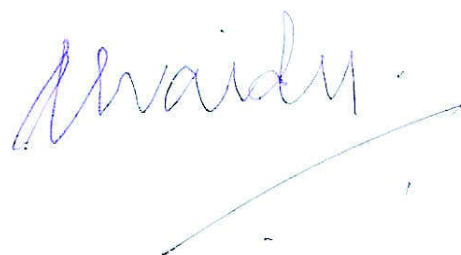
Appreciating the opportunities we have as Ministers responsible for Housing and Urban Development for promoting innovative and appropriate approaches for integrated development of cities, towns and their peripheries;

And Taking into consideration the recommendations of the Working Groups, decide to:

1. *Develop* policies at national, subnational and local levels where they do not exist and review and strengthen the current policies towards integrated development of cities, towns and their peripheral areas;
2. *Encourage* the adoption of approaches that promote cities, towns and their peripheral areas as an urban-rural continuum and for strengthening their complementarity for mutual advantage and growth;
3. *Ensure* that the emerging urban forms are appropriately recognized and managed through effective governance structures so that these areas economically and spatially drive sustainable development;
4. *Strengthen* the sharing of information on innovative policies and successful practices relating to housing and urban development, through all possible approaches, including by regularly updating and interlinking the online information resources with the assistance of specified nodal contacts;
5. *Actively* engage in the 26th Session of the Governing Council of UN-Habitat in 2017, as well as in the World Urban Forum scheduled to be held in Kuala Lumpur in February 2018;
6. *Adopt* the New Delhi Implementation Plan as recommended by the five Working Groups;
7. *Continue* with these Working Groups as follows:
 - WG1 led by the Republic of India working on the theme of Urban and Rural Planning and Management;
 - WG2 led by the Islamic Republic of Iran working on the theme of Urban Upgrading;
 - WG3 led by the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka working on the theme of Basic Services including Energy and Mobility for Integrated and Inclusive Development;

- WG4 led by the Republic of Korea working on the theme of Financing Sustainable Housing and Urban Development;
 - WG5 led by the Republic of Indonesia working on the theme of Urban Development with a focus on Natural, Man-made and Climate-induced Disasters;
8. *Endorse* the composition of the 6th Bureau of APMCHUD with its members being Ministers representing:
 - a. Republic of India
 - b. Republic of Korea
 - c. Islamic Republic of Iran
 - d. Republic of Indonesia
 - e. Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
 - f. Republic of Iraq
 - g. Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
 - h. Republic of Nauru
 9. *Request* the current chair of APMCHUD to ensure the execution of this Declaration and its Implementation Plan, in collaboration with other members of the Bureau, the APMCHUD Secretariat and UN-Habitat, and to receive and share with other member states regular updates on related matters;
 10. *Reiterate* our continued commitment to strengthen APMCHUD and the Secretariat to undertake the required activities, while encouraging member nations to contribute to the resource base in line with the Amman Declaration as reiterated in the Seoul Declaration;
 11. *Authorize* the Bureau to decide on the host nation of the 7th Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development to be held in 2018, and to keep the member countries informed in this regard well in advance.

Adopted as the New Delhi Declaration on the 16th December, 2016.



NEW DELHI IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

New Delhi, India
14-16 December 2016

Preamble

The Asia-Pacific Ministers responsible for Housing and Urban Development participating in the 6th APMCHUD Conference in New Delhi, India, adopted the New Delhi Declaration which consists of many recommendations that require concrete actions by APMCHUD member countries, which recognize and adhere to the following principles:

- Urbanization can significantly improve the quality of life of people at large, and the fullest potential is yet to be realized;
- The urban and rural areas are not independent identities and are part of a system of human settlements, and accordingly to achieve sustainable urban and territorial development, it is necessary that appropriate governance structures are put in place in response to and in anticipation the emerging spatial forms;
- Urbanization generates a variety of spatial forms in the region, often at significant speed, which our planning processes and mechanisms need to recognize and respond to.

The actions stipulated in this Implementation Plan are supportive of the APMCHUD vision as knowledge hub in Housing and Urban Development in the Asia Pacific Region; their implementation shall be supported through knowledge management capacity of the APMCHUD Secretariat.

WG1: Urban and Rural Planning and Management – Integrated Planning, Management and Governance Structure Imperatives

Goal : Improve governance for sustainable development through effective urban and territorial planning and management that promotes coordination among various sectors across the spatial continuum supported by strong financial, legal and implementation mechanisms.

1. Work towards the development of a National Human Settlements Policy which encourages convergence of micro-level and macro-level plans;
2. Commit to compile, rationalize and share spatial and non-spatial data within and among various planning authorities, governmental, and intergovernmental institutions to be used for integrated planning and decision making;

3. Ensure the integration of land-use and transportation planning across various jurisdictional boundaries, and promote mixed-use planning, transit oriented development and integrated townships;
4. Encourage land policy mechanisms such as land pooling and other tools to ensure inclusive and participatory planning;
5. Ensure capacity building for integrated, participatory and inclusive planning at all levels;
6. Improve policies, plans, designs and implementation processes as per the recommendations of the International Guidelines on Urban and Territorial Planning;
7. Adopt spatial planning practices to encourage rural-urban continuum for achieving sustainable development and carry out periodic review of urban, peri-urban and rural boundaries and classification schemes.

WG2: Upgrading of Urban Areas, Slums and Informal Settlements – Unorganized growth in Peripheral Areas and Slum Upgrading Aspects

Goal: Strengthen preventive and responsive approaches towards urban areas including informal settlements in the national urban development policies, through localized urban upgrading programmes enabled with participatory processes and collaborative institutional mechanisms.

1. Rename 'Regional Slum Upgrading Working Group' to 'Urban Upgrading Working Group'; broaden the scope of "urban upgrading" to include urban regeneration, renewal, conservation, security of tenure, socioeconomic rehabilitation, community capacity-building, etc.; and establish means for inter-working group coordination, and collaboration across countries;
2. Review, revise and where necessary develop, national sustainable urban policies and regulations to integrate informal settlements within the city and peripheral urban areas;
3. Institutionalize community-level governance frameworks for multi-stakeholder localized urban-upgrading in planning, design, implementation and monitoring;
4. Mobilize conventional and unconventional resources for upgrading;
5. Document urban upgrading processes, practices and impacts, and share lessons learnt through online platforms for peer-to-peer knowledge sharing.

WG3: Delivery of Basic Services: Ensuring Basic Services including Mobility for Integrated Development

Goal : Promoting legislative, policy and urban governance reforms to ensure equitable, sustainable and inclusive delivery of basic services, while reducing land, water and air pollution.

1. Rename the working group as "Basic Services including Energy and Mobility for Integrated and Inclusive Development";
2. Accomplish legislative, policy and urban governance reforms for the following:

- a. Assign to specific institutions and government levels the delivery of basic services including the strengthening of capacity and the provision of local government finance;
 - b. Design PPP frameworks for the planning and delivery of basic services including risk-sharing arrangements;
 - c. Improve benchmarking and standardization compulsory for the effective monitoring and evaluation of basic service delivery;
 - d. Enforce and incentivize the timely implementation of infrastructure and services projects being implemented by all agencies;
 - e. Establish mechanisms for effective horizontal and vertical coordination for all basic services.
3. Improve data management and make information widely accessible, by developing appropriate databases and by disseminating best practices on technological innovations for the planning and delivery of basic services.
 4. Establish effective channels for community and stakeholder participation for all services delivery and their management and ensure mechanisms for grievance redressal;
 5. Include vulnerability concerns of gender, age and disability in the planning and delivery of basic services, such as better access to toilets, public spaces, transport etc.;
 6. Improve the financing of local bodies through revenue generation and land value capture to increase investment for basic services and their operation and maintenance;
 7. Link land use planning with the provision of mobility and basic services, with a special focus on poor and vulnerable citizens;
 8. Formulate comprehensive urban parking policies that treat private parking as a private good;
 9. Increase concerted efforts for alarm alerts with regard to land, air and water pollution;
 10. Promote effective urban solid waste management and decentralized and cost-effective on-site waste water treatment, protecting water aquifers and maximising water reuse.

WG4: Financing Sustainable Housing and Urban Development – Ensuring Access to Housing and Smart City Development in the Urban-Rural Continuum

Goal : strive towards developing an efficient and inclusive urban development including housing finance system, with appropriate linkages to broader financial markets, facilitating sustainable smart city development in the urban-rural continuum.

1. Rename the working group as “Financing Sustainable Housing and Urban Development including Ensuring Access to Housing and Smart City Development in the Urban-Rural Continuum”
2. Promote integrated urban development policies including housing finance by devising aligned national housing and urban policies, reflecting the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Developments and the New Urban Agenda;
3. Build an efficient and holistic housing finance system by developing appropriate housing finance instruments and housing options to meet the growing needs of different income groups of society, especially for marginalized and informal sector;

4. Promote appropriate financing options responsive to the demand for incremental housing improvement and the provision of basic services, including micro-finance opportunities for low income households and those employed in the informal sector;
5. Make the necessary enabling provisions and appropriate regulations and safeguards to promote and catalyze an affordable housing market, covering both the supply and the demand constraints in local and national markets, including refinance.
6. Strengthen the resources and knowhow of local governments to unlock land and land value, undertake urban upgrading and renewal and provide housing at a larger scale and with an appropriate mix of uses and income groups;
7. Encourage land value sharing and urban renewal projects, engaging multiple stakeholders, in line with the most recent national and international guidance for the financing of reallocation and resettlements;
8. Develop efficient targeting, both socially and spatially, when providing, modifying and reducing housing subsidies, considering affordability, inclusion and the avoidance of environmental externalities;
9. Promote affordable rental housing options, both in the public and private sector, for various segments of income and age groups;
10. Develop innovative housing designs, housing technologies and housing information systems in support of affordable housing construction which is scalable, environmentally sustainable and meeting quality requirements;
11. Support the capacity development of all stakeholders, improving their knowhow on development as well as financial literacy , so as to ensure their effective participation in urban development decision-making.

WG5: Urban Development with a focus on Natural, Man-made and Climate induced Disasters – Building Urban Resilience

Goal : increasing regional cooperation in order to improve the resilience of cities towards natural, man-made and climate induced disasters.

1. Rename the Working Group to include man-made disasters;
2. Noting the special interest of the Republic of Iraq and the Republic of Nauru to contribute actively to the Implementation of this Working Group;
3. Develop a regional research strategy on urban development and disasters targeting actionable risk reduction outcomes;
4. Develop the capacity of technical human resources as an important regional priority and with a regional approach;
5. Increase the sharing of knowledge across cities and countries, encompassing:
 - a. Manuals of Good Practices for Construction, e.g. a Housing Encyclopedia for Asia Pacific countries with details of housing typologies;
 - b. A Compendium of Case Studies from sub regions, with a specific emphasis on the Pacific
 - c. Databases and mechanisms for the updating, sharing and use of urban disaster and climate risk data;

6. Strengthen policies for urban resilience through developing whitepapers that incorporate best practices, appraising legal, technical, administrative and financial aspects;
7. Advocate and institute an integrated and multistakeholder approach across different level of governance;
8. Explore and catalyse new finance opportunities with resilience as investment criterion.