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Note by the secretariat

The World Urban Forum is organized and convened by the Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) pursuant to paragraph 10 of resolution 18/5 of the Commission on Human Settlements, by which the Commission requested the Executive Director to promote a merger of the Urban Environment Forum and the International Forum on Urban Poverty into a new urban forum, with a view to strengthening the coordination of international support to the implementation of the Habitat Agenda. Subsequently, the United Nations General Assembly decided, by paragraph 3 of section I B of its resolution 56/206 of 21 December 2001 that the Forum would be a non-legislative technical forum in which experts could exchange views in the years when the Governing Council¹ of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme did not meet. At the same session, the General Assembly, by paragraph 7 of its resolution 56/205 of 21 December 2001, encouraged local authorities and other Habitat Agenda partners to participate, as appropriate, in the Forum in its role as an advisory body to the Executive Director of UN-Habitat.

* HSP/WUF/12/1.

¹ General Assembly resolution 73/539 of 20 December 2018 dissolved the UN-Habitat Governing Council and replaced with the UN-Habitat Assembly