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PREPARATIONS FOR THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
DEVELOPMENT ON THE BASIS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 44/228 AND
TAKING INTO ACCOUNT OTHER RELEVANT GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS:
CROSS SECTORAL ISSUES

Human settlements - Coordinator's draft text

The Preparatory Committee:

Recalling General Assembly resolution 44/228 which specifies the improvement of the living and working environments of the poor in urban slums and rural areas as a priority area to be addressed by the Conference;

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on Human Settlements contained in document A/CONF.151/PC/43, as well as the documentation transmitted by the United Nations Commission on Human Settlements in accordance with decision 1/28 of the Preparatory Committee;

Taking note of the many (several) statements which have stressed the importance of Human Settlements planning and management for facilitating economic growth, satisfying essential human needs and protecting the human resources development environment;

Recognizing that Human Settlements activities can considerably strengthen the development component of the Conference agenda through their contribution to employment generation, growth, and the alleviation of poverty;

Aware that several existing global programmes on Human Settlements, such as the Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000 will need to be strengthened, while new programmes and initiatives will need to be identified and also reflected in "Agenda 21", as recommended in the report of the Secretary-General of the Conference;