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**Resolution adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly on
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1/5. Enhancing urban-rural linkages for sustainable urbanization and human settlements

The UN-Habitat Assembly,

Welcoming the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development¹ as a framework for international, regional, national and local action, and the commitment of Member States to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals,

Recalling the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development,²

Recalling also the New Urban Agenda³ as a key instrument for achieving safe, inclusive, resilient and sustainable urban and human settlements,

Recalling further resolution 19/10 of 9 May 2003 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) on urban-rural linkages and sustainable urbanization,

Recalling Governing Council resolution 25/1 of 23 April 2015, in which the Executive Director of UN-Habitat was requested to develop tools and disseminate good practices to promote urban-rural linkages through integrated regional and territorial planning, working closely with other intergovernmental organizations and stakeholders,

Recalling also the ninth session of the World Urban Forum, which aimed to localize and scale up the implementation of the New Urban Agenda in order to accelerate the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals,

Taking note of the publication *Urban-Rural Linkages: Guiding Principles: Framework for Action to Advance Integrated Territorial Development*,⁴

1. *Requests* the Executive Director, in consultation with relevant international and regional institutions, to develop mechanisms, within the scope of available resources, for enhancing urban-rural linkages, and calls upon the Executive Board of UN-Habitat to consider possible implementation options;

¹ General Assembly resolution 70/1.

² General Assembly resolution 69/313, annex.

³ General Assembly resolution 71/256, annex.

⁴ UN-Habitat (2019).

2. *Strongly encourages* Member States to take into account urban-rural linkages in their respective national and subnational development planning policies and processes in order to strengthen the economic, social and environmental links between urban, peri-urban and rural areas, including their surrounding territories;

3. *Requests* the Executive Director, within the scope of available resources, to raise awareness among Member States and local authorities regarding the impact of urban-rural linkages on sustainable urbanization, territorial cohesion and national development;

4. *Also requests* the Executive Director, in cooperation with appropriate partners, to disseminate and share good practices and policies relating to the impact of urban-rural linkages that could be replicated in other countries;

5. *Further requests* the Executive Director, in consultation with appropriate partners and within the scope of available resources, to assist Member States, upon request, in developing policies and programmes to address migration from rural to urban areas;

6. *Requests* the Executive Director to submit, through the Executive Board, a report to the United Nations Habitat Assembly at its second session on progress in the implementation of the present resolution.
