

STATEMENT OF THE  
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UN-Habitat is pleased with the Council's decision to be admitted as an Observer organization of the Council of the International Organization for Migration. We look forward to genuine, substantive cooperation with IOM in the incorporation of a human settlements perspective into migration policies.

We look forward to working with IOM in preparations for the Third United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urbanization (Habitat III) in 2016 as we did for the IOM Ministerial Conference on Migrants and Cities in 2015. We also look forward to deepening our collaboration at the country level, building on positive work in the past in Nepal, Haiti, Myanmar, Pakistan, Philippines and Iraq on settlement and urban programs and policies.

We are strongly committed to working with IOM in strengthening the capacity of governments and stakeholders to effectively respond to common challenges and opportunities presented by migration and human settlements. Both our organizations stand to benefit from a further strengthening of our relationship.