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Attendees (See details: <http://hic-gs.org/content/HIC%20General%20Assembly%20register%20and%20proxys.docx>):

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Minutes: Marie and Isabel

Chair: Lorena and Alvaro

1. Welcome message from the President of HIC

LZ: Welcome everybody, good morning. It is a great joy to have you here today, many of you have traveled from afar to be in the activities of the World Social Forum (WSF). We welcome in particular HIC members and other organizations present today. The General Assembly (GA) is an open meeting of HIC members, but we always welcome new organizations in order to work together and strengthen our struggles.

AP: First, I would like to thank each and every single person who has contributed to the Forum's activities and second, I would like to welcome all HIC members, friends and allies. Let's seize this opportunity to continue planning future initiatives in 2015 and 2016, as they will be very eventful years.

PY: Good morning, I'm Pauline Yao, Board representative of the African region and originally from Ivory Coast. I thank the Secretariat team for the work carried to gather all of us here. For us, the fight for land, housing and the city is important and it is satisfactory to join this global struggle.

LZ: We had an interesting meeting on Saturday and Sunday during the Board Meeting, where different topics were previously discussed before doing it here. We were missing the following people: Rajaa, who cancelled the trip for different reasons, even though she was connected through Skype at some point, Michael Shapcott, representative of North America, and Vanesa Valiño, representative of Europe. I would like to thank the Secretariat team for the enormous work accomplished to prepare these meetings, the internal HIC activities and the Forum activities, together with different allies.

2. Revision of the quorum

LZ: We have today 29 participants, 14 women and 15 men, representing 20 organizations, coming from 18 countries and from all regions.

(See list of attendees: <http://hic->

[gs.org/content/HIC%20General%20Assembly%20register%20and%20proxies.docx](http://hic-))

Out of the 106 organizations entitled to vote, (see list: <http://hic->

[gs.org/content/HIC%20members%20with%20Right%20to%20vote%20on%20March%202015.pdf](http://hic-)), 9 are physically present and the Assembly currently has 10 proxies. Globally, we have 106 organizations with the right to vote, especially since we changed the rules recognizing labor and in-kind contributions, which are of great value in comparison with the fees (of reduced amount).

Note 1: We do not reach the required quorum (21 people) according to Article 11.1 of HIC's Constitution. So, we will open a voting process by electronical means, with the participation of all Members with the right to vote.

A round of introductions of participants is made.

3. Approvals

1.1. Voting on the General Assembly (GA) agenda in Tunisia 2015

LZ: Each table has a copy of this GA Agenda. As you know, the Assembly meets once a year in person and all year virtually. Let's seize these hours together. In the first block we have the formal part of the Assembly, with voting and a session of HIC offices short reports. In the second block, we will talk about WSF activities, HIC strategy for 2015 and 2016, especially in the context of Habitat III. After that, we will open the debate for Assembly proposals and finally we will decide the next in-person GA.

RG: In the Board we found convenient to make a statement regarding the attack in Tunis, a call for peace and human rights.

DPU and POLIS present the motion to approve the Agenda.

Voting I: 18 in favor, none against, no abstention.

1.2. Voting on the approval of the General Assembly Minutes in Medellin (Download the minutes: <http://www.hic-net.org/news.php?pid=5509>)

LZ: The Medellin GA was one of the busiest assemblies ever, with 76 people from 24 countries. At the end we fail to see all points of the agenda.

DPU and HeP present the motion to approve the General Assembly Minutes in Medellin.

Voting II: 18 in favor, none against, no abstention.

1.3. Voting on HIC 2013 Financial Report

AP: The 2013 HIC-AL, MENA, SA, HLRN and HIC-GS Financial Report (www.hic-net.org/content/b090%20HIC_Statement_2013_annual_report_en.pdf) is an effort to coordinate the results of the different HIC offices. They are independent offices and each of them audits their accounts with different agencies. The report is public and questions are welcome. At the end there is a balance that is part of the on-going projects, which is the reason why budgets are not closed. In the footer we can find the main donors for each office, who are also provided with this report.

SE: Why HIC-HLRN and HIC-MENA do not have administrative costs?

JS: Given that administrative costs are already part of the different projects, we included them in the corresponding project expenditure item. For the next report, we could make it separate in order to have an unitary approach.

LZ: This Report is on page 24 of the HIC annual report, downloadable on HIC website (<http://www.hic-net.org/document.php?pid=5950>).

DESCO and DPU present the motion for the approval of HIC 2013 Financial Report.

Voting III: 18 in favor, none against, no abstention.

1.4. Voting on the appointment of Ana Sugranyes as a member of the HIC Wisdom Keepers

AP: Within the Coalition there is a group of people who have shown great commitment and dedication to working with members and to defending the rights related to habitat. This is the group of Wisdom Keepers. For HIC it's important that this knowledge is not lost. Ana Sugranyes was very involved during the General Secretariat transition. She is still working in Chile, as a member and as our representative in Chile with local organizations. This proposal was presented by Michael Shapcott and Michael Kane to the Board and approved by the last one. Now this decision must be ratified by the GA.

JS: All our wise people were present 40 years ago. They are really important to the history of HIC because they are the base and they maintain our integrity.

LZ and RG present the motion to approve the appointment of Ana Sugranyes as a member of the group of Wise Keepers.

Voting IV: 18 in favor, none against, no abstention.

Note 2: Ernesto Castillo and Marisol Jimenez from Union Popular Valle Gómez, were not present when the General Assembly was voting.

4. Letter of Solidarity to the Tunisian people

AP presents the Letter of Solidarity to the Tunisian people (see <http://www.hic-gs.org/news.php?pid=6108>)

SE: It should be added what happened two days ago in Yemen, not only focusing in Tunisia.

JS: Let's add the recognition of these acts as part of a pattern of violence imposed in the region by the legacy of foreign colonization and persisting hegemony in the form of Zionism, war and occupation of peoples and states by external powers.

LZ: And we should also add in the second paragraph our commitment and emphasize the struggle for democratization and human rights.

Do we agree with the statement and the general tone? We will finalize this Letter during the Assembly meeting and then present it.

5. Reference Centers Reports

1.1. General Secretariat (GS) Report

AP: First, the GS team has coordinated the work with members, strengthening their processes related to habitat, with elections in Latin America and the MENA region, where the new By-Law have been implemented; 10 Board meetings have taken place, in addition to the General Assembly in Medellin with high participation, HIC staff meetings, in-person meetings with members, especially in Latin America, continuous communication, the publication of 11 newsletters, translation of documents, support and dissemination of 21 statements from other networks (see <http://hic-gs.org/content/a160%20Summary%20of%20endorsed%20declarations.pdf>).

At the same time, we have kept continuous communication with members through social media and new tools have been launched, such as the video channel

(<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCc-d7kD4TwMlqE132b-imNg>), the photography channel (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCc-d7kD4TwMlqE132b-imNg>), the specific blog on Habitat III (<https://habitat3hic.wordpress.com/>) and the consolidation of the Member Space (<http://www.hic-gs.org/membership/login.php>), as well as progresses in the implementation of the portal.

Secondly, the GS team has helped strengthening members and allies in their struggle for a place where to live in peace and dignity, promoting coordination meetings to support and reinforce projects and initiatives. The GS has participated in local and international events, such as the meeting of the International Council of the World Social Forum, the International Forum on Democracy and Cooperation or the International event on the Right to the city. The HIII working group was organized and stays very active, proposing initiatives such as the research of DPU national reports.

Third, advocacy for the recognition, defense and implementation of the rights to the habitat has been supported, like in Medellin in the WUF7, both within and out of the Forum together with local organizations; coordinating the strategy for Prep Comm 1 in New York, taking part in the Habitat III

International Working Group and drafting and implementing global projects: Social Production of Habitat Platform with Urbamonde, and the Right to the City for all with Polis.

(See report: <http://hic-gs.org/content/a129-1b%20GS%202014%20report%20ES.pdf> and list of activities: <http://hic-gs.org/content/a129-1a%20GS%20activities%20report.pdf>)

1.2. Latin America Report

RG: We present some activities and processes we have undertaken. (See presentation: http://hic-gs.org/content/Actividades%20HIC%20AL_VFE.pdf). I have spent only a few months as a Board member but I have spent many years committed to HIC. The first activity refers to the working group on the Social Production of the Habitat (SPH), this group was consolidated in Medellin and we have set the target to document, visualize, defend and strengthen the contributions and experiences in the field of social production and management of the habitat to fulfill the human right to housing, in order to influence laws, regulations, plans, programs, public policies and budgets at the local, national, regional and international level.

The second activity is the hearing of people living in urban shantytowns in the Americas and their ESCR. The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) in the framework of its 154th regular session hosted a thematic regional hearing to discuss issues relating to this.

The third activity is the process of Habitat III. This process is an opportunity for mobilization and advocacy on habitat human rights. I take this opportunity to highlight that there is life before and after Habitat III.

Finally, there is a regional forum in Lima in October, in the framework of HIC's 40th anniversary and DESCO's 50th anniversary to discuss the civil society expectations for Habitat III.

SE: SPH working group is being really active, with the delivery of 10 files and the process of setting up a blog. This working group will meet in September. The office and members have been really active in the regional event of the platform for the Right to the City in Sao Paulo. HIC-AL participated in the Preparatory Committee of Habitat III (Prepcom 1) to hear about next steps. As communication tools, in addition to HIC's website and Facebook, we have a newsletter and we encourage members to send articles to it.

1.3. Africa Report

PY: At the regional level we have some difficulties in the coordination and communication with the focal point and other members of the Coalition in Africa.

At the country level for Ivory Coast, I have taken part in different meetings organized by HIC, such as the Medellin Forum and one Habitat III programme in Nairobi. Ivory Coast participates in the Habitat III working group, thanks to Edouard Yao, from the Réseau Leadership pour l'Environnement et le Développement (LEAD), in the Committee on the issue of land, thanks to the partnership with the European Union, and in a platform for civil society organizations working on the issue of urban land. We are working with the HIC General Secretariat to boost the region and for this purpose we have prepared a project proposal (see <http://www.hic-gs.org/content/a180%20Fiche%20Projet%20Atelier%20FCIEX%20HIC.pdf>) to conduct a regional workshop on the right of habitat of the African peoples and on the Post-2015 Agenda and the Habitat III process.

1.4. HLRN Report

JS: Most of what HLRN has been doing globally and MENA has been doing regionally is reflected in the activities taking place in the WSF. First I would like to show you where activities are on our website (visit: <http://hlrn.org/activity.php#.VTjUOiGqpBc>). HLRN has been active in reporting on the human rights system of the UN. Under the second phase of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR), HLRN has jointly submitted the reports of Spain, Ethiopia and Italy. In another area, it has made an impact on Habitat III, participating in the PrepCom 1, with much preparation, studies and strategies. (See: www.hic-gs.org/content/H3_EVAL_en.pdf)

EM: for the past 2 years I worked with Davinder, using two primary spaces for the civil society: (i) The Civil Society Mechanism (CSM) for the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) which is the largest international mechanism of civil society organizations (CSOs) seeking to influence agriculture, food security and nutrition policies and actions at national, regional and global levels. HIC coordinates the urban food and nutrition constituency within the CSM, and we were involved in Protracted Crises negotiations and in the development of the voluntary guidelines of Land Tenure;

and (ii) the International Planning Committee on Food Sovereignty (IPC) where we have worked with other social movements and NGOs on different issues related to food sovereignty, including the implementation of the tenure guidelines and the linkages between land and water as well as the City region food system (<http://www.cityregionfoodsystems.org/>) to promote participatory local food systems to better support marginalized populations across the urban-rural continuum. We have an event of this subject at the WSF.

1.5. MENA Region Report

JS: In the region we have similar topics, although we are also working on occupation, particularly the case of Palestine. 2014 was an important year because of the 10th anniversary of the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the Wall in occupied Palestine. We work with networks and legal experts to commemorate the legal letter of the decision of the Court. We had several interventions with local authorities networks to discuss the "self-executing" international law obligations of local authorities to refrain from contracting and acquiring from parts who cooperate with Israel's occupation and colonization of Palestine. This is the case of Palestine and Western Sahara.

Within the United Nations Human Rights Council, HLRN submitted the reports of Turkey, Egypt and Yemen to the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) and also took part in the review of the committee of human rights violations of Israel. We also took the issue of right to the city to Egypt. We celebrated the Land Forum in Tunis in December (visit http://www.hlrn.org/img/documents/MENA_LFV_Report_EN_2.pdf). The topic of the Land Forum "Taking it to the Next Level: Relating Local Issues to Global Processes" framed the current phase in a cumulative effort that started in 2009 to capacitate civil society from the MENA region to contribute effectively to global processes that promise to set global norms and policies for land and natural resource exploitation. One of the initiatives that came out was a regional network of farmers. One of the initiatives was a regional network of farmers. This will be the subject of another WSF activity.

1.6. Situation in Europe

PT: I am going to present the situation in Europe, reminding you that I am not the representative from Europe, but a HIC's Member working in Belgium. (See presentation: <http://hic-gs.org/content/PP%20AG%20HIC.pdf>)

1.7. Membership Report.

MB: Regarding HIC membership, in 2014 we had a formal group of 363 members, number of organizations that have ever paid their fees. There is an important kernel of active people not matching the registers. In 2014 we had 31 new applications to membership from the 5 regions, of which 21 were approved. Some applications were not approved due to the lack of documentation or lack of response from the corresponding focal points. We have obtained 55 fee payments, raising a total of 920 dollars and 1565 euros.

It has been interesting the implementation of the new rules this year, granting voting rights to 71 members in the region of MENA and 32 members in Latin America, for being active organizations. (See: http://hic-gs.org/content/3%20Membership_breakdown_2014.pdf)

1.8. President's Report

LZ: As you see, in the Coalition and through the membership we work on issues related to habitat, each region with its own specificities. There is a diversity of groups and struggles, it is a complex work. The President's contribution, in collaboration with the SG and other offices, during the WUF7 in Medellin, was carried out through activities within and outside the World Urban Forum, organized by UN-Habitat but also with local organizations (UNAL, Casa de la Memoria, Foro Social Urbano Alternativo y Popular). On the one hand, this allowed us to get back in touch with historical organizations and incorporate new members, we had an interesting impact on the local and international media, it was an important moment of visibility and building strength for the Coalition, we also got back in touch with other international networks such as Slum Dwellers International (SDI), we tried to approach platforms and build strategies on R2C towards HIII, we had a really productive meeting with foundations and organizations supporting HIC work and also with international donors, which facilitated contacts between foundations (Misereor, Rosa Luxembourg,

Ford Foundation, We Effect and the Foundation for the Progress of Humankind), to tell them about HIC work and allow them to articulate their support.

On behalf of HIC, I participated in events from HIC organizations and other bodies, in many different countries (Argentina, Bolivia, Canada, South Korea, United States, Mexico, Peru and South Africa) both personally and virtually, in academic events and networks.

Finally, in terms of the incidence, very specific events: 1) one speech in the Human Rights Council session in Geneva, in March, where the special Rapporteur on adequate housing, Raquel Rolnik, presented her last report and the guidelines on security of tenure, particularly of urban settlements, with some other side events; 2) one critical speech in the ECOSOC (United Nations Economic and Social Council) special session in New York, in May, addressing for the first time issues of urbanization. There is a more detailed report that we will include in the HIC annual report.

NS: I would like to add more information about the work of the global platform for the Right to the City, with the development of a research on the R2C in three regions: i) Latin America, in the following countries: Brazil and Colombia, and these cities: Bogota and Sao Paulo; ii) Africa, in South Africa and Kenya and the cities of Cairo and Jerusalem; and iii) Europe, in Spain and Italy, and the cities of London, Hamburg and Istanbul. This material will be printed and distributed in the PrepComm2 and for the WSF we will have a CD. A question for our partners in Europe: could you please share more information about the R2C School in Europe? How could we coordinate a training on the R2C?

PT: The European Popular School for Housing Right (see www.educpop-droits.eu), works to allow activists and volunteers acquire useful knowledge for the defense of their rights to housing. The idea is gathering R2C militants to analyze European experience in order to foster networking at the meeting.

6. HIC at the WSF

AP: We have a number of activities during the WSF, organized together with members and allies, in addition to the World Assembly of Inhabitants, date to be confirmed. We are providing you with a brochure in 3 languages with places, dates and times (see: <http://hic-gs.org/news.php?pid=6074>). Tomorrow afternoon, the opening march of the Forum will take place and we will inform about how to enter the Campus, registration is required in the WSF website. Each one can register as a member of an organization.

IS: The idea of the platform of the Social Production of Habitat (SPH) was discussed in Medellin. The aim is to build a network of organizations and to support actors working for the SPH inclusion in the Urban and Habitat Agenda. In the SPH Forum in Geneva in October, the concept was discussed, all NGOs gathered under this platform. The workshops we organized have different contents depending on the context, but the main objective is to provide knowledge and disseminate the concept of the SPH. We also focus on the exchange of knowledge between two organizations (e.g. between South Africa and Senegal). Our work is funded by the Leopold Mayer Foundation. Urbamonde has already created a first publication with some SPH cases (see: <http://hic-gs.org/news.php?pid=5934>).

A methodology based on project analysis to show the diversity of SPH practices and to support global exchanges was discussed.

We are now working on developing a website that will promote a SPH prize with different regional centers, studying with the Building and Social Housing Foundation (BSHF) the possibility of a special section for the SPH awards.

The activities proposed during the WSF offer a description of the SPH concept for people to subscribe to the website, since the concept of SPH is sometimes confused with the concept of social housing.

NS: The global platform on the Right to the City (see: <http://www.righttothecityplatform.org.br/>) offers activities that are part of the strategy defined at the Sao Paulo meeting in November, where organizations from different levels, local and national governments (Brazil and Chile) decided to join the movement about the R2C, as happened in Brazil where the WSF process began (in Porto Alegre) and where the World Charter for the Right to the City was elaborated. Two products came out of this meeting: one guiding document to the activities that will take place over the next two years and the outcome document of this platform for R2C (see: <http://www.righttothecityplatform.org.br/publicacoes/>).

We are organizing two activities on the R2C global platform: Thursday, Platform on the Right to the City + Platform on the Social Production of Habitat, a discussion to inform about the structural axes and strategies of the global platform, and Friday How to Implement the Right to the City to Build Democratic and Sustainable Cities, a training on conceptual elements of the right to the cities well as the legal, administrative and juridical tools that can be used to implement it.

A national seminar on Habitat III (HIII) was carried out last month, in which the elaboration of a proposal for HIII was discussed with social organizations and communities.

The prepCom2 will have a side event: the expectations of civil society and local governments for Habitat III (see: <http://hic-gs.org/eventsdetail.php?pid=6195>), where we will see cases from Asia, Africa and Europe, and in May the 2nd Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Forum on Adequate Housing "Housing for Life" in Monterrey (see: <http://hic-gs.org/eventsdetail.php?pid=6000>) on the cases of Latin America

EM: On Wednesday 25th we will host the workshop Reclaiming local food systems, where the links between the platform on the Right to the City, the movement for food sovereignty and the solidarity-based economy will be discussed and shared. The other event, the Global Convergence of Lands and Waters Struggles, is an event to share experiences about the struggles for water and land at the national and international level and to build the future of Global Convergence together.

SE: In Latin America we are in contact with groups organizing the convergence of land and water. We supported the drafting of the Declaration of Peasant's rights by La Via Campesina (see: http://hic-al.org/noticias.cfm?noticia=1469&id_categoria=8).

JS: Three activities: 1) Local authorities in support of Palestinian rights, an initiative with local authorities, related to the Free Palestine Forum 2012 where it was decided not to cooperate with parties that are related to the occupation. In 2013 and 2014 we had other events, a conference that produced the declaration of the olive (see declaration: English, French, Spanish, Arabic) defining extraterritorial obligations of states following the agenda of human rights. 2) Thursday morning, the Middle East and North Africa Land Forum, an event about the results of the MENA Land Forum and to create a network of small farmers. 3) Civil Society Expectations and needs of the HIII process. In Medellin we expressed the expectations of civil society for HIII. We ask the process to be more inclusive, to keep the integrity of the Habitat Agenda and a human rights and good governance focus. ONU-Habitat has failed to implement these demands for HIII, so this is our last chance to evaluate this implementation. We listed all the aspects to be implemented before HIII. How do we evaluate the progress through national, regional and global reports?

AF y RL: Present the research: Habitat III National Reporting Processes: Locating the Right to the City and the Role of Civil Society (<http://hic-gs.org/eventsdetail.php?pid=6102>). This initiative came from the HIC Habitat III working group (<https://habitat3hic.wordpress.com/>). This research focuses on the national reports, the civil society participation and finally a process analysis. Countries included in the research were: Brazil, Chile, Egypt, Indonesia, Jamaica, Mexico, Peru and South Africa. The process was analyzed according to 4 points: i) the participation in the process of elaboration of the national report ii) the balanced representation of civil society, iii) the transparency and responsibility/ accountability for mutual benefit and iv) continuous learning and improvement of the current participation processes. The content was analyzed according to the principles of the right to the city i) the social function of land and property, ii) the right to the habitat social production, iii) the full exercise of citizenship and the city democratic management, iv) the right to a fair economy, v) the right to a healthy environment and to equitable and sustainable development, and vi) the spatial justice.

Recommendations: i) greater clarity in the monitoring and accountability of Habitat I and II, ii) a commitment to a coherent vision based on social justice and urban sustainability and iii) a comprehensive framework for the implementation of a vision based on social justice and urban sustainability

SE: How can we explain the absence of many countries? What is the HII benchmark for governments? Which is the impact of this tool? What about the strategy?

AF: We could only find the reports from these 8 countries online. Our reference are the commitments made for Habitat II, there has been a general lack of participation. We had a meeting with Ana Moreno, from the Secretariat of Habitat III to discuss this.

AP: We would like to thank DPU for this result and for the effort. It's only the first part of the CS report. The working group will work on this issue in the next phase.

We are going to have a side activity during the PrepCom 2 in Nairobi where we will present this research. The Latin American office has had meeting with UN-Habitat and MENA has had meetings with regional authorities in El Cairo. We will also keep on working on the regional reports. Other initiatives have arisen such as the creation of committees at the national level. We also need to have actors in Ecuador. The membership should play an important role in the process.

DR: The research is lucid and useful. We need the material.

NS: It is a very important work. I have a suggestion: to consider the social function of the city as an important component of the evaluation, not only the social function of the property. Based on the global platform on R2C, that studies the use of common areas and soil. What do we want to say about the social function of land to the property? What do people want? We must deepen in the essential component in a more systematic and objective manner.

About the process in the case of Brazil, there was not a HII memory, it is difficult to work without materials, therefore, this research is crucial to record the process.

There is a dialogue with ministries and the government for Brazil to have a position on the R2C in the HII process.

How do we want to defend this right in terms of human rights?

IS: It would be interesting to use the documents of the platform to have a bottom-up knowledge. It helps to the legal and political framework that we need for the SPH platform. There is a strong relationship between these two works.

LZ: The idea of this research work came up in the Medellin GA, but the elaboration of the research lasted less than 2 months and a half. It is a powerful tool, that serves as inspiration and methodology.

We are working on the HIC strategy. Facing the official events, HIC always participates inside and outside. We need to sum up, reflect, analyze and move on to concrete action and visibility.

We have been talking about how HIII, in addition to be a mega event, can become a mega project with a negative impact in Quito. We must map local contacts to support Quito against HIII or for R2C.

We could also carry out important activities in Istanbul or Vancouver before HIII, to reactivate the memory and spread the CS demands.

AP: Bystanders can propose activities or share their work.

NS: I propose a popular initiative. How are we going to define this?

LZ: We want to organize regional events in Europe and Africa. We need an agenda. Dimitri has connections worldwide and with the new government in Greece, which wants to create a housing office, inviting HIC to coordinate an event for housing policy. It could be combined with another event in Europe.

On Friday afternoon we will have a Convergence Assembly. We need a report of each activity carried out during the WSF.

AP: Any more comments or presentations of newcomers to the meeting? Visits to local communities are not confirmed yet. We will keep you posted by email.

Next General Assembly: Quito, October 2016