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**Notes:** Joana and Isabel

**Attendance:** see Annex 1

### 1. Welcome speech of HIC President, Wisdom Keepers and Secretary:

**Lorena Zárate (LZ), HIC President** declares it is a great pleasure to be here today and thanks participants for their efforts. She states that this Assembly is unprecedented for several reasons, and that we will look both towards the future and back to the past. We will look back to remember and learn about our history, and to feel proud of it. Throughout the Habitat III preparatory process, there has been a significant lack of institutional memory at all levels. As HIC members, a network founded 40 years ago, we have the huge responsibility of reminding governments about the more progressive commitments they made back then, 40 years ago. We will also look towards the future because HIC exists not only because of those UN conferences. Our mobilization and policy impact processes are still running and we must continue training the new generations. This space in the Assembly is a meeting point and also a space for intergenerational learning.



**Enrique Ortiz (EO), Wisdom Keeper** agrees with the President that it is a great pleasure to be here, surrounded by so many familiar faces and companions in the struggle. This assembly is an opportunity to remember and to continue transforming. This is only a stopover in the process. We started out in the 60s and had already been working many years prior to Vancouver. We went there full of energy and met many people who were working on the same causes. We built a solid group and it was very interesting.

HIC has historical memory and it is surprising to see that what governments are suggesting now represents a significant step back. More forward-thinking agreements were reached at Habitat I, including the social function of land and property, land value capture, cooperatives, etc. (See *From Vancouver 1976 to Vancouver 2006* at: [http://www.hic-gs.org/content/24%205%20English%20final\\_Vancouver\\_1976-2006.pdf](http://www.hic-gs.org/content/24%205%20English%20final_Vancouver_1976-2006.pdf))

Einstein said “Don’t ask those who have created the problems to solve them”. The ball is in our court, comrades.

**Ana Sugranyes, Wisdom Keeper** says that seeing so many familiar faces is a step forward. HIC continues to work over the years. Forty years are nothing. What about the next 40 years? We must continue working, because processes are slow. Every 20 years there is a new agenda, but we must return to our old goals to achieve the right to housing and the right to the city.

**Barry Pinsky, Wisdom Keeper** explains that he was in Vancouver, in Habitat I, as a housing activist in Canada and that he currently represents Rooftops Canada, a HIC member.

He first came into contact with HIC in 1986. At the beginning, HIC was a Habitat International Council, mainly European, of the global North. In 1997 it became a global coalition, with its Secretariat in the South.

Habitat II was inclusive, so alternative forums were unnecessary. Setting up the International Facilitating Group for social organizations was a long process. HIC worked very hard for the right to housing, which appeared 61 times in the agenda. We contributed to gender equality in housing, and gender issues were included across the agenda. He affirms that he will keep working to include Canadian movements within HIC.

**Álvaro Puertas (AP), HIC Secretary-General** welcomes everyone. The most important part of HIC rest upon its members. There is no coalition without you. Your voices will be heard in this Assembly. Work starts at a local level and then goes to the global and Habitat III is a good opportunity for that. Today’s event is divided into two blocks: the General Assembly and the celebration of HIC’s 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Many thanks to Marie and Isabel, from the secretariat team, for their work.

## 2. Quorum

**LZ** explains that HIC assembly is permanent, although there are face-to-face meetings once a year. They are open assemblies. We will proceed to voting in order to pass some issues. Today’s participation is unprecedented.

Throughout the day there have been 157 participants – 84 women and 73 men – who represent 74 organizations from 26 different countries and from all the regions (see Annex 1).

Forty-five of the 64 member-organizations of the coalition with right to vote will be present throughout the day, so we largely exceed the minimum required quorum (21 people), according to article 11.1 of HIC constitution (see: <http://www.hic-gs.org/document.php?pid=4794>)

## 3. Approval of Agenda

At the moment of voting for these issues, 36 organizations with right to vote were present, largely exceeding the minimum quorum required.

### 3.1. Approval of the General Assembly (GA) Agenda in Quito 2016.

Rooftops Canada presents a motion for the agenda’s approval.

1<sup>st</sup> voting: 30 in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

### 3.2. Approval of the minutes of the 2015 General Assembly held in Tunis.



DPU member, Alex Frediani, presents the motion.

2<sup>nd</sup> voting: 30 in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

3.3. Approval of 2014 and 2015 financial statement.

**AP** explains that these reports must be submitted by the treasurer, who has not yet been appointed. HIC Board must appoint the treasurer and will do so next Tuesday. Votes will be cast online and the results will be announced on the website.

## 4. Reports from the Reference Centers

### 4.1. HLRN report

**Joseph Schechla (JS), HIC-HLRN Coordinator** affirms that HLRN has a long history too. It began in Cuernavaca in 1991, as an initiative of HIC members who wanted to bring their expertise to the UN Human Right System and to develop the right to adequate housing. Since 1991, we have made great progress in the development of norms on the right to adequate housing, the prohibition against forced evictions and focusing on individual cases. In the past year we have collaborated several times with the UN Human Rights system, presenting parallel reports of Italy and Spain to the Universal Periodic Review (UPR), in collaboration with other members, in the UN Human Rights Council. We have also advocated for the extraterritorial human rights obligations (ETOs), developing the norms that are within the UN HR system. Now, after many years advocating and presenting cases, HLRN has the opportunity to elaborate a special comment on the Human Rights dimension of land. HLRN has received many contributions from HIC members over the years. We are now celebrating HLRN 25th anniversary.

### 4.2. MENA Report

**Ahmed Mansour, HIC-HLRN Researcher** explains that they have developed tools, such as the Eviction Impact Assessment (EvIA) methodology, at different levels. During the past two years, the violation database registered 127 cases of forced evictions, land grabbing, etc, in addition to two urgent actions in Egypt and Turkey. They applied the EvIA tool, scaling it up for the first time to meet the needs of a transitional-justice process in Yemen. However, it is currently difficult to work in Yemen because of the fighting.

They also published 14 issues of Land Times (see: <http://landtimes.landpedia.org/>) and have been working on communication and on building the capacity of members to make their voices heard at all levels. Moreover, they participated in several parallel reports for the UPR in Egypt, Turkey, Yemen, Syria, Sudan and Lebanon.

Their main activity within the Habitat III process has been participating in the drafting of the Egyptian national report.

At the same time, they are working on several projects, among which are: a proposal to apply the concept of the right to the city in Lebanon; another one to apply the HLRN Eviction Impact Assessment (EvIA) tool; a proposal to work the ETO at a regional level; a fact-finding mission in Diyarbakir, Turkey; and a proposal to try to discover how SPH can be applied in the MENA region.

### 4.3. South Asia report

**Shivani Chaudhry (SC), HIC-SA Coordinator and HLRN Executive Director** explains that they work at different levels to promote the right to adequate housing and land from the grassroots level to the UN. They coordinated an alternative report for Habitat III, advocating for Habitat III and particularly on the right to housing ([http://hlrn.org.in/documents/Housing\\_and\\_Land\\_Rights\\_in\\_India\\_Report\\_for\\_Habitat\\_III.pdf](http://hlrn.org.in/documents/Housing_and_Land_Rights_in_India_Report_for_Habitat_III.pdf)). Among other tasks, they have also been working with the UN Special rapporteur on adequate housing, quantified the cost of evictions by using the EvIA tool in several studies, worked with several networks across the country on homelessness and housing rights, been active in policy reform with the government, given support to activists to lead their own struggles, developed several handbooks and participated in the Housing Rights Task Force.

She adds that they are currently working on the report for the UN Human Rights Council's Universal Periodic Review of India. It will be presented in 2017 and is focused on land and housing rights.



**4.4. HIC-AL by Ramiro García, Representative for the Latin American Council, and Silvia Emanuelli, HIC-AL Coordinator**, explain that HIC-AL has focused on building a strong coalition through the sub-regional planning workshop in Buenos Aires and other activities promoted by the Latin-American representative at the Board. They have also helped to strengthen people's processes by providing support to the working group for the social production and management of habitat, setting up people's committees to attend Habitat III and through COCEAVIS school of cooperatives. Finally, advocacy has been made on laws and international documents.

For further information, see: <http://hic-gs.org/content/presentacion%20HIC-AL.pdf>

#### **4.5. Presidency, by Lorena Zárate**

During 2015 and 2016 she focused on Habitat III more than as a goal, as an opportunity to include HIC vision - its human-rights and territorial approach - on the global agenda. This has allowed implementing a strategy for the HIC and its membership internal articulation and mobilization ;and also implementing an external one, aimed at strengthening alliances and working with other networks which are also working on other issues, as the right to the city, in order to influence the agenda, mobilize and articulate, and to continue working together.

We are also driving forward the Global Platform for the Right to the City together with Pólis (a part of FNRU) by building alliances with networks working on gender, intergenerational coexistence, informal economy, waste recycling, right to food and food sovereignty, and social and solidarity economy issues, among others. With their great work, these networks managed to positively influence the agenda.

During the preparatory process of Habitat III, governments showed a lack of institutional memory, a sector-based and a sustained economic growth vision. Unlike what happened in Habitat I and II, the voices of the civil society have not been included this time.

#### **4.6. General Secretariat (GS)**

Since 2014, HIC stands on several pillars: the offices, the international conferences and also at the streets and at a regional level. The Secretariat has sailed over them all.

HIC representatives participated in different events within the official Habitat III process with the objective of reminding about previous commitments, denouncing the lack of assessment and laying emphasis on the human rights-based approach. The Habitat III working group contributed with several initiatives, such as DPU research on national reports and Africa regional dossier, together with HIC members.

The Secretariat has managed some of the projects linked to the members' work, such as the publication celebrating HIC 40 years, where HIC position on global agenda will be reflected. In order to complete this publication members are kindly requested to share their contributions regarding their participation in Habitat I, II and III processes.

The Secretariat also requests the General Assembly collaboration to help improve communication and coordination between members, reference centers and the secretariat.

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### **5. Plenary**

**Katrin Quillaguaman, of RENASEH, HIC member in Bolivia** explains that they are collaborating with the people's committees in Bolivia. The publication [Agenda Urbana de Bolivia, Propuestas de los Comités Populares para Hábitat III](#) is the result of a participative process which structures the vision and proposals of a variety of civil society actors in Bolivia which make up the "People's Committees towards Habitat III" of La Paz, El Alto, Oruro, Cochabamba and Santa Cruz. It is a strategy to make their voices heard on issues related to habitat and housing within the perspective of the New Urban Agenda. 162 people from social organizations, academic institutions, professional unions and entities of the financial system participated in this process.

Further information at: <http://hic-gs.org/document.php?pid=6793>

**Pascale Thys, Habitat et Participation**, HIC member in Belgium, presents a World Map of Urban Habitat (<https://www.wm-urban-habitat.org/>), a website which contributes to a collective habitat and to the right to



housing as seen from civil society and, and which will be presented at several events during Habitat III. In 2016, Brussels hosted a meeting of networks to discuss the World Map, which resulted in a letter of participation. The collaborative exhibition for Habitat III "People Are Not the Problem, They Are the Solution" (<https://www.wm-urban-habitat.org/eng/tools/#Collaborative-Exhibition-for-Habitat-III-in-2016-en-spa-or-en-fre>) is another initiative they have carried out. She finally calls for contributions from the Asian region. The World Map already includes information from Latin America, Europe and Africa.

**Jordi Borja, Observatori DESC**, HIC member in Spain comments that Observatori DESC has only symbolically represented HIC in Europe, because it has not managed to develop an active presence. However, it shares the issue of the right to the city. Observatori DESC has undergone a significant change over the past two years. The elections were won, but they were victims of their own success. Between 70 and 80 percent of the people went to work in government departments and therefore, Observatori DESC is now reviving with young people.

He adds that they will actively participate in the FLASCO alternative forum, and recommends the Assembly to participate also.

Finally, he puts forward two ideas: the first one is that Habitat III does not represent us, it does not commit to anything, it is pure rhetoric and sham; the second one is that we must assume the need to further develop our ideas.

The right to the city is not only about defending a catalogue of rights, but rather about conquering them, fighting the causes, actors, laws and urban policies.

**Antonia Terrazas, Fundación Pro-Hábitat, HIC member in Bolivia** introduces the architect Luis Ramírez, president of the foundation, who also participated in Habitat II. In Habitat II there was no need for organizing alternative forums because organizations felt their voices were already being heard.

Fundación Pro-Hábitat was born in 1996 with the objective of improving housing to better control Chagas disease. In 2011 they took the necessary steps to address housing needs both in rural and urban areas. In 2012 they implemented a pilot project to shed light on typical problems of urban planning. In the urban areas there is a lack of planning and also a lack of access to land— particularly of land with sanitation facilities. Together with other allies, they are now developing a solution to Bolivia's urban areas. There are many obstacles hindering the implementation of the projects, mainly due to the fact that there is no housing policy; there are housing programs. They are struggling to show that there are different kinds of families and , therefore, that there should also be different housing models.

Publication: "Buscar un lugar... y construir una comunidad" (see: <http://hic-gs.org/news.php?pid=5899>)

**Knut Unger, Habitat Netz, HIC member in Germany**, shares two messages:

1. The first message is a letter from a HIC member in Turkey who declares that Istanbul, where Habitat II was held 20 years ago, is a disaster. The megaprojects and the dictatorship are destroying the whole city. He hopes this will not happen to Quito in 20 years' time.

2. The second message is from the International Working Group for the Promotion of Market Regulation and Market Alternatives, which drafted a statement. The preparation for Habitat III is bad and there is a total absence of local economies in spite of the current mortgage crisis, forced evictions, housing bubble, etc. This group sent several open letters with their concerns to Habitat III and to several governments and the only answer they received was from the European Union. He suggests creating a committee to finish the statement. The philosophy of the document must speak about regulation market tools and alternatives to the markets (see: <http://www.reclaiming-spaces.org/2016/10/statement-at-habitat-iii-plenary/>).

**Pierre Arnold, Habitat en Mouvement (HeM), HIC member in France**: Presents the book "Hábitat en Movimiento" (see, <http://www.bookelis.com/voyage/24892-Habitat-en-Movimiento.html>)

For ten months, HeM travelled around South American countries visiting popular neighborhoods and housing cooperatives. The objective was to learn about the social production of habitat in order to reflect about the experiences in France and the role played by dwellers in the construction of the city.



Civil society organizations are very active in France due to fact that the government is doing the opposite of the promised. He encourages creating synergies. He underlines the fact that although the right to the city emerged in France, people do not know about it there and he actually learned about the interesting struggles for this right in Latin America.

**Bea Varnai, urbaMonde**, member of HIC in Switzerland and France presents the Platform for the Social Production of Habitat (see: <https://psh.urbamonde.org/#/en/communities>). The initiative of creating a common platform for the social production of habitat emerged at the World Urban Forum in Medellin in 2014. The platform was launched in a meeting which took place in Geneva in October 2014. This initiative aims to establish active solidarity links between groups of dwellers and suggests specific exchange mechanisms between communities. The objective is to promote increased visibility to initiatives related to the social production of habitat that are being carried out across the world and share experiences. They organized a regional meeting in Lima in 2015 and are currently organizing the 2<sup>nd</sup> PSH meeting and awards. She invites the Assembly to the presentation of these awards in the Resistance Forum.

**Pauline Yao, Representative for Africa at the Board and of Femmes Côte d'Ivoire Expérience, HIC member in Ivory Coast** speaks of HIC work at a national level. She points out, however, that at regional level and within the framework of the Global Platform for the Right to the City, she participated in the regional meeting held in Johannesburg in 2015.

Access to land is the central issue in Ivory Coast. Together with other organizations they have actively advocated for women's legal access to land and fought for the preservation and property of land, women's right to land, community rights to trees and the social production of housing.

They continue advocating for habitat for the people and will vote the new constitution in October.

**Malick Gaye, Environnement et Développement du Tiers-Monde, HIC member in Senegal** explains that the organization was founded in 1972 during the UN Conference on Sustainable Development held in Stockholm. It later became an international network. About ten years after they participated in the organization of the regional forum of French-speaking African countries in collaboration with HIC, within the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless.

During negotiations in Istanbul it was difficult to include the word "right" whenever the government said "need". Right is an essential issue, and it is not just a slogan. In the agenda to be agreed in Quito there is no clear reference to the right to housing and the right to the city.

Land-tenure regime in Africa is, in its whole, ruled by the states, which are corrupt. In this analysis, the only thing that counts in Africa are traditionalists values, the communities. The state ignores traditional land tenure.

He highlights several activities at regional level: FIAN event on food-related issues in Africa in 2015, the struggle against land grabbing; and the political forum on development funded by the European Union.

Finally, he pledged his joint commitment with Korotimi to organize the elections in Africa and to try to revitalize the region.

**Ramiro García, Representative for Latin America at the Board and of DESCO, HIC member in Peru** explains that DESCO celebrated its 50 years of struggle last year. They are working on the improvement of neighborhoods. The city is growing out into the suburbs and they are concerned about the vulnerable living conditions of poor populations – who are being forced to occupy the peripheral areas of the city.

In the Resistance Forum, DESCO will present the Interquorum magazine "Alternativas de la sociedad civil hacia Hábitat III" (see: <http://urbano.org.pe/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Revista-Interquorum-Desco-H%C3%A1bitat-III.pdf>).

He calls not to wait until Habitat IV but to continue working together for human rights to habitat and to continue improving people's living conditions.

**José Mangini, Centro de Investigación, Documentación y Asesoría Poblacional (CIDAP) and HIC member in Peru** explains that CIDAP is working in the metropolitan areas of Lima on issues related to the



social production of habitat and the improvement of neighborhoods. CIDAP will participate in the Resistance Forum, in a conference about the preservation of historical heritage sites for the people, not for tourists.

**AP** presents the Passarelle publication: Unveiling the Right to the City (see: <http://hic-gs.org/document.php?pid=6928>), coordinated by Charlotte Mathivet, of Droit à la(belle)ville, HIC member in France. The Passarelle Collection is published by Ritimo with the support of the Fondation Charles Léopold Mayer pour le Progrès de l'Homme (FPH). This issue has also counted with the support of HIC and the GPR2C.

## 6. Presentation of HIC's Calendar of Events in Quito

**LZ** presents HIC's events calendar for Quito in the official and alternative forums (see: <http://www.hic-gs.org/news.php?pid=6931>).

There is the official conference (with the format of an urban forum rather than an official conference) where the governments will meet and where civil society organizations with a consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council can participate. This agenda has not been published yet, but no significant negotiations regarding the agenda are expected. There will probably be a discussion on the voluntary commitments and how states plan the agenda implementation. HIC will try to be present so as to make our voice heard.

There will also be three parallel forums: the Resistance Forum is the most social one and has been promoted by HIC, the International Alliance of Inhabitants and the FNRU from Brazil. It also includes the participation of urban, environmental, feminist and sexual-diversity movements, among many others. There will be many activities in the UCE.

There are other more academic forums, such as FLASCO where issues which are not going to be addressed in the official forum will be discussed, e.g., the universities curriculum programs to train the new generations.

The PUCE forum carries out activities, book launches, etc., as the "A City for Life" exhibition, prepared on the way to Habitat II and part of HIC history. We want to thank our friends in Bolivia and Ecuador for this initiative.

In Habitat III we have a co-financed stand of GPR2C with people from HIC that will host many presentations. It is the meeting point where we can present our initiatives.

**AP** explains that HIC's agenda was closed on October 9 because it had to be printed, and that although some of the activities do not appear because of a lack of space, there is a link to the online agenda which is much more updated and complete:

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=ov50qh9m12eta5t1sjo3amooq8%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/Guayaquil>. He asks members to share the activities which are still not on the agenda so that they can be included.

**JS** comments that there is a bit of history that everybody should know. After HIC's transformation period, in Limuru and with the new constitution, the first board meeting took the decision that HIC should focus on 7 major violations of housing and land rights. They included apartheid (at that time still in effect in South Africa), Namibia, indigenous peoples, the Roma people, Tibet, Western Sahara and also Palestine – which is the reason why we started working in Palestine when HIC was created in 1991.

There are two important points:

- The International Tribunal on Evictions of the Resistance Forum presents a case with a HIC member on the unrecognized villages that remain in Southern Palestine, currently occupied by the state of Israel.
- There are 23 HIC members in Palestine and many of them have been focusing on the BDS (Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions) global campaign. HLRN has been focusing on the global obligations of local governments to engage them in this global campaign.

**Joana Ricart, Responsible of the HIC-HLRN program** presents the case of the city of Diyarbakir in Turkey, an urgent action which emerged from urban movements in Istanbul in 2016. A massive eviction took place in



the Kurdish south-eastern region. This situation is not new: in Turkey, cultural minorities have been treated unfairly throughout history.

HIC carried out field work and interviewed people who had been displaced for alleged security reasons. The villages were destroyed and burnt in the 1980s and 1990s. In 1996, when Habitat II was held, terrible forced evictions were taking place. And now, history repeats itself. This time the conflict focused on urban areas and Diyarbakir was one of them. The municipality asked us to help them.

In 2012 Diyarbakir was added to the UNESCO World Heritage List. In 2015 the military operations began and one year later, the situation reached its peak of violence with confinements in urban areas within Suriçi, massive evictions and the destruction of between 70 and 100 percent of urban area. After the military operation, the government issued a decree for the expulsion and expropriation of all the land that was not government-owned.

HIC suggested carrying out another field visit but the state of emergency imposed in Turkey after the coup d'état attempt in September has made it impossible.

Diyarbakir's mayor will be in the GPR2C stand and she encourages all participants in the AG to support them and promote visibility of this situation.

More information at: [http://www.hlrn.org/img/publications/Diyarbakir\\_master.pdf](http://www.hlrn.org/img/publications/Diyarbakir_master.pdf)

## 7. Joint statement draft

Shivani reads the first draft of the statement in order to make comments and elaborate on the final collective statement.

Comments:

**Michel Kane, National Alliance of HUD Tenants USA, HIC member in the United States** comments that it is an excellent statement and that we need to vote and make a list of the organizations which support it.

**LZ** says that this statement will be voted, but that comments need to be collected previously. Later, a vote on its spirit will be done and a commission will be designated to finish the draft, which will be presented tomorrow. The declaration is open for signatures. HIC will sign as network, but we request the members and allies' support. In addition, a press release will be issued and disseminated in social networks.

**Ana Pastor, Asociación Civil Madre Tierra, HIC member in Argentina** suggests underlining the urban and rural comprehensive approach.

**Evaniza Rodrigues, União Nacional Por Moradia Popular, member of HIC in Brazil** suggests stressing the fact that houses and cities are not merchandise.

**Dito Barbosa, União dos Movimentos de Moradia São Paulo, member of HIC in Brazil** suggests adding two subjects: the criminalization of social movements and the privatization of territories.

**Guillermo Marzoni, Federación Tierra y Vivienda, HIC member in Argentina** suggests putting emphasis on issues related to habitat, land and housing; strengthening the right to territory and not only the right to the city; land grabbing and questioning the property of the territories from which people are evicted.

**Chandan Kumar, ActionAid, HIC member in India** expresses his congratulations for the statement and suggests putting emphasis on work and livelihoods, as well as on the expulsion of populations by states (the institutionalization of expulsions).

**David Barrientos, Red Nacional de Asentamientos Humanos, HIC member in Bolivia** declares that the problems which affect us all do not carry the same responsibilities. Cities have become merchandise, the price and value of land is more important than the people living there.

**Carlos Estrada, Ocupa Tu Ciudad A.C., HIC member in Mexico** stresses the importance of conceptualization: growth is not the only way of development; urbanization is not inevitable. We must put emphasis on territory, land, water and air. We should not speak of resources, but rather of rights. The





countryside and the city are complementary. Use value vs. exchange value. He supports the actions carried out by activists. If their voices are not heard, activists will take the territory.

**Alexander Jachnow, Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies, HIC member in the Netherlands** supports the co-production of knowledge. The agenda is awful and it includes hegemonic concepts which are distant from reality.

**Thinabantu Khanyile, Abahlali baseMjondolo Movement, HIC member in South Africa** exclaims: 'Nothing About Us Without Us'. People have been excluded. Social movements should be taken into consideration during the decision-making processes.

**Knut Unger, Habitat Netz, HIC member in Germany**, thinks the statement is good, but that it is focused on the history, rather than on the demands. These demands could be included in the statement by the International Working Group for the Promotion of Market Regulation and Market Alternatives.

**Barbara Lipietz, The Bartlett Development Planning Unit, United Kingdom, HIC member in UK** suggests adding and defining the concept of social and environmental recognition of land.

**Rocio Lombera Centro Operacional de Vivienda y Poblamiento A.C. (COPEVI), HIC member in Mexico** comments on the need of reverting the construction model of cities (the concept of city seems contradictory). Cities need to be built as common goods. The right to the city should be understood as an equitable access to the city's assets.

**Marina Joseph, Youth for Unity and Voluntary Action (YUVA), HIC member in India** mentions the opposition to the privatization of public infrastructures and resources.

**Chandana Das, Youth for Unity and Voluntary Action, HIC member in India** points out that development funding should include social justice.

**Enrique Ortiz, HIC**, suggests protecting common goods against the green economy that has transformed them into resources that can be expropriated. Moreover, he includes that people want to recover their rights, be active and take responsibility. We must not forget to include the social function of the city and of land. States must assess and support popular initiatives to generate social and citizen cohesion and include the social management and production of habitat.

**Malick Gaye, Environnement et Développement du Tiers-Monde, HIC member in Senegal** suggests adapting the text language to make it more accessible for everybody and to take into account autonomous regions. To protest against land grabbing. He also adds that informality should be taken as an opportunity to defend social justice.

**Ramiro García, representative of AL at the Board and of DESCO, HIC member in Peru** affirms that we are already working on the issues we are claiming, but that we need support, rather than criminalization. He declares that the new Urban Agenda does not represent us.

**Gustavo Romero, FOSovi, HIC member in Mexico** suggests rethinking the way of doing architecture, in a way that it includes social participation.

**Paola Bagnera, Grupo de Investigación Vivienda Social y Ciudad, HIC member in Argentina** defends diversity and differences, something that the new agenda tries to standardize.

**Marina Thia, Asociación Civil Nueva Democracia por la Vivienda, Salud y Educación de los Humildes, Argentina** points out that the agenda says nothing about funding. We must emphasize the need for funding so that the most vulnerable part of the population get access to housing.

**Agustina Correa, Proyecto Habitar, Argentina** says that territorial policies should include everyone. They should not benefit only some. Besides, macro-economic dynamics do not pursue equality.

**Anelise Meléndez, Red Hábitat, Bolivia** suggests including the gender perspective and strengthening the role of women as producers of the city and key social actors.

**Facundo di Filippo, Centro de Estudios y Acción por la Igualdad, Argentina** mentions the market model and extractive dynamics within the urban context as well as "el buen vivir" (good life).



LZ requests participants to vote whether this is the spirit of the statement and if some participants want to volunteer to work on the final version of this statement.

Ana Sugranyes, from Sur, makes a motion for the statement voting .

Votes in favor: 30; 0 votes against; 0 abstentions.

The volunteers for the committee responsible for writing the statement are Malick Gaye and Michel Kane, together with Shivani and Joseph.

## 8. Continuation of the plenary session

**JS:** There is a lesson we can draw from your interventions: one of the ways of including these interventions in the statement is by including the demands. The lesson I draw from this speech, however, is that HIC members are working on housing and also on everything related to housing. In this sense, it is not just about a small house, but also about land, water, environment, etc. There is an essential legal point: some of you spoke about state land and we must differentiate between state and government. There is a way of differentiating them, and we find it in the Montevideo Conventions of 1993. A state is made up of people, territory and institutions, including governments. We cannot talk about governments owning land or trees, because these belong to the people. The governments only hold the resources for the people. This is not included in the agenda –that the state is the people, not the government.

**The delegation of Korean people** from habitat movements is going to participate in the Resistance Forum and in the official conference. Korean people are suffering evictions. They presented a publication where further information can be found. They are also preparing a forum on youth and housing and invite all members to participate. They are working on ways to work with HIC and with other Korean organizations.

**Alex Frediani, Representative in Europe to the Council and of The Bartlett Development Planning Unit, HIC member in UK** explains that they are launching the report of the dossier elaborated with HIC and other members on the perspective of civil society in Africa. Many interesting subjects emerged, not only related to this new urban agenda but also to broader mobilizations and for cooperation between civil and academic society. Issues such as evictions, errors and omissions in the agenda, in the drafting of the agenda – which was not democratic – as well as regarding the type of agenda we want to produce in a joint, local and international manner.

**Raúl Fernández Wagner, Universidad Nacional de General Sarmiento, HIC friend in Argentina** presents Latin America's regional report in collaboration with HIC-AL and other Latin American organizations. In the report they try to explain the situation of habitat and urban development throughout the last 20 years from human-rights, policy and management approach. The dossier poses questions on urbanization and housing processes. See: [http://www.hic-al.org/noticias.cfm?noticia=2155&id\\_categoria=19](http://www.hic-al.org/noticias.cfm?noticia=2155&id_categoria=19)

**Closing of the Assembly. Applause for the interpreters, technicians and hostel staff.**

[Check the videos on HIC'S Youtube channel](#)

(<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCc-d7kD4TwMIqE132b-imNg>)



## Annex 1

N°	Name	Organization	Acronym	Country	Right to Vote
1	Abdel Kader, Yasser	HIC-HLRN	HIC-HLRN	Egypt	
2	Albino, Zaida	Red Nacional de Asentamientos Humanos/Habitat para la Humanidad	RENASEH/HpH	Bolivia	
3	Alcaraz, Alicia	Asociación Civil Nueva Democracia por la Vivienda, Salud y Educación de los Humildes	ASOCND	Argentina	
4	Aleksandrowicz, Mariana	Proyecto Habitar		Argentina	
5	Aliaga, Mirna	Red Nacional de Asentamientos Humanos/IIIP	RENASEH/IIIP	Bolivia	
6	Areiza Castillo, Diana	Unión Popular Valle Gómez	UPVG	Mexico	
7	Arnold, Pierre	Habitat en Mouvement	HeM	France	X
8	Arqueros, Soledad	Asociación Civil por la Igualdad y la Justicia	ACIJ	Argentina	
9	Avila Villaroel, Waldo	Comité Articulador de Cooperativas de Vivienda por Ayuda Mutua/COVIJO	CACVAM/COVIJO	Bolivia	
10	Bagnera, Paola	Grupo de Investigación Vivienda Social y Ciudad - FADU UNL	VSyC	Argentina	X
11	Bailloux, Marie	HIC-GS	HIC-GS	Chile	
12	Barbosa, Dito	União Dos Movimentos de Moradia de Sao Paulo	UMM-SP	Brazil	X
13	Barrientos, David	Red Nacional de Asentamientos Humanos/UMSA	RENASEH/UMSA	Bolivia	
14	Bautista, Jessica	Programa Universitario de Estudios sobre la Ciudad, UNAM	PUEC-UNAM	Mexico	
15	Bellot, Manolo	Fundación Pro-Hábitat	Pro-Hábitat	Bolivia	
16	Bercovich, Luciana	NAMATI	NAMATI	USA	
17	Borja, Jordi	Observatori DESC	ODESC	Spain	X
18	Caballero Colque, Betty	Comité Articulador de Cooperativas de Vivienda por Ayuda Mutua/COVICOM	CACVAM/COVICOM	Bolivia	
19	Caballero, Pablo	Federación Uruguaya de Cooperativistas de Vivienda por Ayuda Mutua	FUCVAM	Uruguay	X
20	Cain, Allan	Development Workshop Angola	DW-Angola	Angola	
21	Camacho, Miriam	Red Nacional de Asentamientos Humanos	RENASEH	Bolivia	



22	Cañaverl, Gustavo	Urbana TeVé		Argentina	
23	Cano, Gerardo	Hábitat Social ITESO		Mexico	
24	Canseco Oliva, Dario	Red Nacional de Asentamientos Humanos	RENASEH	Bolivia	
25	Cardozo, Paola	FUCVAM / Cooperativa Corazon Fuerte	FUCVAM/ COVICOFU	Uruguay	
26	Castillo, Marisol	Unión Popular Valle Gómez	UPVG	Mexico	
27	Chachra, Sandeep	ActionAid India/Citizens' Rights Collective	CiRiC	India	
28	Chaudry, Shivani	HIC-HLRN	HIC-HLRN	India	
29	Choi, Eunyoung	KOCER		South Korea	
30	Correa, Agustina	Proyecto Habitar	Habitar	Argentina	X
31	Corriveau, Stéphan	Canadian Housing and Renewal Assoc.	CHRA	Canada	
32	D Souza, Francisco Flávio	União Dos Movimentos de Moradia de Sao Paulo	UMM-SP	Brazil	
33	Das, Chandana	Youth for Unity and Voluntary Action	YUVA	India	
34	Davalos, Jacqueline	Red Nacional de Asentamientos Humanos/UMSA	RENASEH/ UMSA	Bolivia	
35	De Alava, Alex	Federación de Cooperativas de Viviendas por Ahorro Previo	FECovi	Uruguay	
36	De los Rios, Silvia	Centro de Investigación, Documentación y Asesoría Poblacional	CIDAP	Peru	
37	Deriche Redondo, Yamile	Centro de Intercambio y Referencia de Iniciativas Comunitarias	CIERIC	Cuba	X
38	Di Filippo, Facundo	Centro de Estudios y Acción por la Igualdad	CEAPI	Argentina	X
39	Díaz, Jerónimo	HIC-AL	HIC-AL	Mexico	
40	Díaz, Maria de los Angeles			Spain	
41	Emanuelli, María Silvia	HIC-AL	HIC-AL	Mexico	
42	Estrada Casarín, Carlos	OCUPA TU CIUDAD A.C.	OTC	Mexico	X
43	Fernandez Wagner, Raul	Universidad Nacional de General Sarmiento	UNGS	Argentina	
44	Fernández, Gerardo	Federación de Cooperativas de Viviendas por Ahorro Previo	FECovi	Uruguay	



45	Figoli, Luis Mario	Federación Uruguaya de Cooperativistas de Vivienda por Ayuda Mutua	FUCVAM	Uruguay	
46	Florián, Alejandro	Corporación Corpovisionarios		Colombia	
47	Frediani, Alexandre	The Bartlett Development Planning Unit	DPU	UK	X
48	Gallo, Sandra	Asociación Civil Canoa	Canoa	Argentina	X
49	García, Ramiro	Fundación Salvadoreña de Desarrollo y Vivienda Mínima	FUNDASAL	El Salvador	X
50	García, Ramiro	Centro de Estudios y Promoción de Desarrollo	DESCO	Peru	X
51	Gaye, Malick	Environnement et Développement du Tiers-Monde	ENDA RUP	Senegal	X
52	Gómez, Cinthia	Programa Universitario de Estudios sobre la Ciudad, UNAM	PUEC-UNAM	Mexico	
53	González, Ana	Centro Operacional de Vivienda y Poblamiento A.C.	COPEVI	Mexico	
54	González, Carmen	Fundación Promotora de Vivienda	FUPROVI	Costa Rica	X
55	González, Cecilia	Ministerio Público de la Defensa CABA	MPD-CABA	Argentina	
56	Gracia, María Virginia	Secretariado de Enlace de Comunidades Autogestionarios	SEDECA	Argentina	X
57	Gutierrez, Rodrigo			Mexico	
58	Guzman, Manuel	UrbaMonde	urbaMonde	Switzerland	
59	Hastings, Isadora	Cooperación Comunitaria CC ONG México A.C.	CC ONG	Mexico	X
60	Hernández Ortega, Arturo	Casa y Ciudad A.C.	CyC	Mexico	
61	Hernández, Blanca	HIC-AL	HIC-AL	Mexico	
62	Hipperdinger, Adriana	Un Techo para mi hermano		Argentina	
63	Hong, Jeong-hun	People's Solidarity for Participatory Democracy	PSPD	South Korea	
64	Huchzermeyer, Marie	Centre for Urbanism and Built Environment Studies - University of Witwatersrand	CUBES	South Africa	X
65	Jachnow, Alexander	Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies	IHS	Netherlands	X
66	Jih Jung, Nam	Minsnail Union		South Korea	
67	Jimenez, Ernesto	Unión Popular Valle Gómez	UPVG	Mexico	X



68	Jimenez, Sonia	Red Nacional de Asentamientos Humanos (Inst. de invest. de Arquit. de la UMSS)	RENASEH	Bolivia	
69	Jinseon, Lee	Korea COS net		South Korea	
70	Kane, Michael	National Alliance of HUD Tenants	NAHT	USA	X
71	Khanyile, Thinabantu	Abahlali baseMjondolo		South Africa	
72	Kumar, Chandan	ActionAid India/Citizens' Rights Collective	CiRiC	India	X
73	Landaeta, Graciela	RENASEH /Fundación de Promoción para el Cambio Socio-Habitacional	RENASEH/ PROCASHA	Bolivia	
74	Lee, Kanghoon	People's Solidarity for Participary Democracy	PSPD	South Korea	
75	Lima Vacaflor, Tito	Habitat para la Humanidad	HpH	Bolivia	
76	Lima, Rafaella	The Bartlett Development Planning Unit	DPU	UK	
77	Lipietz, Barbara	The Bartlett Development Planning Unit	DPU	UK	
78	Liuke, Laura	Housing Development and Management	HDM	Switzerland	
79	Loayza, Gina	RENASEH /Fundación de Promoción para el Cambio Socio-Habitacional	RENASEH/ PROCASHA	Bolivia	
80	Lombera, Rocio	Centro Operacional de Vivienda y Poblamiento A.C.	COPEVI	Mexico	
81	Luján, Monica Yesica	Centro de Estudios y Promoción de Desarrollo/ Asociación Virgen del Carmen	DESCO	Peru	
82	Mangini, José	Centro de Investigación, Documentación y Asesoría Poblacional	CIDAP	Peru	X
83	Mansour, Ahmed	HIC-HLRN	HIC-HLRN	Egypt	
84	Marczinzik, Gertrud	Habitat Netz		Germany	
85	Marina, Joseph	Youth for Unity and Voluntary Action	YUVA	India	X
86	Martinez, Mónica	Asociación Civil Hábitat		Argentina	
87	Marzioni, Guillermo	Federación Tierra y Vivienda	FTV	Argentina	X
88	Mastrostefano, María	Asociación Civil Hábitat		Argentina	
89	Matteucci, Gustavo	Asociación Civil Hábitat		Argentina	
90	Meléndez, Anelise	Taller de Proyectos e Investigación del Hábitat Urbano-Rural	RED HABITAT	Bolivia	



91	Mezzabotta, Cecilia	Secretariado de Enlace de Comunidades Autogestionarios	SEDECA	Argentina	
92	Mi Wha, Tae	KOCER		South Korea	
93	Min Yoon, Ji	People's Solidarity for Participary Democracy	PSPD	South Korea	
94	Miyashiro, Jaime	Centro de Estudios y Promoción de Desarrollo	DESCO	Peru	
95	Mkhize Nxumalo, Nomusa	Abahlali baseMjondolo		South Africa	
96	Morales, Yesenia	Fundación Promotora de Vivienda	FUPROVI	Costa Rica	
97	Moring, Jelly	Building and Social Housing Foundation	BSHF	UK	X
98	Nasim, Katya	Evergreen Coalition		UK	
99	Noverraz, Chloé	UrbaMonde	urbaMonde	Switzerland	
100	Ocampo Guzmán, Cozovi	Secretaría de Desarrollo Urbano, Obras Públicas y Ordenamiento Territorial del Gobierno	SDUOPOT	Mexico	
101	Ortiz, Enrique	HIC-AL	HIC-AL	Mexico	
102	Oswald, Lea	UrbaMonde	urbaMonde	Switzerland	
103	Paipilla Daza, Álvaro Ignacio	Programa Universitario de Estudios sobre la Ciudad, UNAM	PUEC-UNAM	Mexico	
104	Pascual, Isabel	HIC-GS	HIC-GS	Egypt	
105	Pastor, Ana	Asociación Civil Madre Tierra	Madre Tierra	Argentina	X
106	Perucho, Guillermo Edgar	HIC-GPR2C	HIC-AL	Mexico	
107	Pilo, Sebastián	Asociación Civil por la Igualdad y la Justicia	ACIJ	Argentina	X
108	Pinsky, Barry	Rooftops Canada / Abri International	Rooftops	Canada	X
109	Puertas, Álvaro	HIC-GS	HIC-GS	Egypt	
110	Quezada, David	Taller de Proyectos e Investigación del Hábitat Urbano-Rural	RED HABITAT	Bolivia	X
111	Quillaguaman, Katrin	Red Nacional de Asentamientos Humanos	RENASEH	Bolivia	X
112	Quiñonez, Natalia	Coordinadora Centroamericana Autogestionaria de la Vivienda Solidaria	COCEAVIS	El Salvador	X
113	Quispe, Santos	Centro de Estudios y Promoción de Desarrollo/ Asoc. Virgen de la Candelaria	DESCO	Peru	



114	Ramírez Alcántara, Zabad Eliú	Cooperativa de Viviendas Guendaliza'a		México	
115	Ramírez, Luis	Red Nacional de Asentamientos Humanos/Pro-Hábitat	RENASEH	Bolivia	
116	Reggiani, Omar	Un Techo Para Mi Hermano	UN TECHO	Argentina	X
117	Revea, Luis	Universidad CEU Arquitectura		Spain	
118	Ricart, Joana	HIC-HLRN	HIC-HLRN	Egypt	
119	Rincón, María Stella	Colectivo para la Mujer Mesuna		Colombia	
120	Rizzo, Cintia	Fundación Vivienda y Comunidad	FVC	Argentina	
121	Rodrigues, Evaniza	União Nacional Por Moradia Popular	UNMP	Brazil	X
122	Rodríguez Del Valle, Lyvia N.	Corporación del Proyecto ENLACE del Caño Martín Peña		Puerto Rico	
123	Rodriguez, Alfredo	SUR Corporación de Estudios Sociales y Educación	SUR	Chile	
124	Rojo, María José	Escuela Técnica Superior de Arquitectura de Madrid	ETSAM	Spain	
125	Romero, Gustavo	Fomento Solidario de la Vivienda A.C. /UNAM	FOSOVI	Mexico	X
126	Royer, Cyril	UrbaMonde	urbaMonde	Switzerland	
127	Sacon, Teresita	Proyecto Habitar		Argentina	
128	San Juan, Cristina Maria	Asociación Civil Hábitat		Argentina	
129	Sánchez Vieyra, Mariana	Programa Universitario de Estudios sobre la Ciudad, UNAM	PUEC-UNAM	Mexico	
130	Sánchez, Ana María	El Ceibo T.B (Red Hábitat Argentina)	E.C.T.B	Argentina	X
131	Sánchez, Gonzalo	Colectivo n'UNDO	n'UNDO	Spain	
132	Sánchez, Jorge	Centro de Investigación, Documentación y Asesoría Poblacional / AGIDELCA	CIDAP	Peru	
133	Sandoval, Georgina	Casa y Ciudad A.C.	CyC	Mexico	X
134	Schauber, Almuth	Misereor		Germany	
135	Schechla, Joseph	HIC-HLRN	HIC-HLRN	Egypt	
136	Schulte-Sasse, Josef	Centro Operacional de Vivienda y Poblamiento A.C.	COPEVI	Mexico	X
137	Sendín, Beatriz	Colectivo n'UNDO	n'UNDO	Spain	





138	Sihlonsonyante, Fana	Centre for Urbanism and Built Environment Studies - University of Witwatersrand	CUBES	South Africa	
139	Soto Martínez, Luis Armando	Programa Universitario de Estudios sobre la Ciudad, UNAM	PUEC-UNAM	México	
140	Sugranyes, Ana	SUR Corporación de Estudios Sociales y Educación	SUR	Chile	X
141	Terrazas, Antonia	Fundación Pro-Hábitat	Pro-Hábitat	Bolivia	X
142	Thia, Marina	Asociación Civil Nueva Democracia por la Vivienda, Salud y Educación de los Humildes	ASOCND	Argentina	X
143	Thys, Pascale	ASBL Habitat et Participation	HeP	Belgium	X
144	Unger, Knut	Habitat Netz	---	Germany	X
145	Urquieta, Patricia	Red Nacional de Asentamientos Humanos/CIDES-UMSA	RENASEH	Bolivia	
146	Varela, Corina	Red Nacional de Asentamientos Humanos/Pro-Hábitat	RENASEH	Bolivia	
147	Varnai, Bea	UrbaMonde	urbaMonde	Switzerland	X
148	Velarde, Rolando	Fundación Pro-Hábitat	Pro-Hábitat	Bolivia	
149	Wonho, Lee	Korea COS net		South Korea	
150	Yao Affoue, Pauline	Femmes Côte d'Ivoire Expérience	FCIEX	Ivory Coast	X
151	Young Wod, You	Korea COS net		South Korea	
152	Yun, Aesuk	Korea COS net		South Korea	
153	Yun, Jimin			South Korea	
154	Zárate, Lorena	HIC-AL	HIC-AL	Canada	
155	Zerboni, Fernando	Federación Uruguaya de Cooperativistas de Vivienda por Ayuda Mutua	FUCVAM	Uruguay	
156	Ziccardi, Alicia	Programa Universitario de Estudios sobre la Ciudad, UNAM	PUEC-UNAM	Mexico	
157	Zolezzi, Mario	Centro de Estudios y Promoción de Desarrollo	DESCO	Peru	