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**3RD REGIONAL
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I. BACKGROUND

In line with the overall objectives of Working Table II to promote economic reconstruction, development and co-operation in South Eastern Europe, the Housing and Urban Management Initiative (HUMI) is promoting sustainable urban development including affordable urban housing. It assists the countries in SEE to overcome obstacles in the development of urban development and management instruments and housing policy. It encourages exchange of information on these policies and related matters throughout South-East Europe. More specifically, HUMI pro-actively facilitates regional stakeholder meetings (involving SEE Governments and practitioners, International Organisations, IFIs and relevant EU actors) to discuss matters of common concern and to compensate for the absence of formal Pan-European or regional fora.

HUMI's work is guided by the "Vienna Declaration on Informal Settlements in SEE" of September 2004 where the Western Balkan countries committed to undertake measures to address informal settlement issues and to initiate and implement reforms in the wider orbit of sustainable urban development and social housing. The Vienna Ministerial conference also agreed to develop a capacity strengthening instrument and the preparation of a coherent programme proposal for the SEE region has been recommended.

II. STRATEGY 2005/ 2006: TOWARDS REGIONAL OWNERSHIP & SUSTAINABLE STRUCTURES

To further the regional process initiated in autumn 2004, the Housing and Urban Management Initiative and its partners are working towards two main goals in 2005-6:

- the *formulation and monitoring of the implementation of Ministerial Action Plans* to implement Vienna Declaration commitments (Vienna Declaration, Page 2, Paragraph II), and
- the preparation of a capacity building programme proposal for urban development and housing in the SEE region (Vienna Declaration, Page 2, Paragraph VII), now called the *Regional Capacity Strengthening Programme (RCSP)*.

The achievement of these goals is considered a precondition for mobilising resources needed to complete the development phase of the RCSP in 2006, to begin the inception phase of the main programme in 2007, and to support specific activities of SEE Governments targeted at the implementation of National Action Plans regarding informal settlement issues.

Given the Stability Pact's role to act as a catalyst and facilitator for regional cooperation among the SEE countries, the transfer of responsibility to the SEE countries is a key objective for all SP initiatives. Therefore the successful development and initiation of the RCSP in the region is HUMI's key objective and this process is envisaged to take until mid/end-2007.

The RCSP, to be implemented by UN-HABITAT in co-operation with the Stability Pact will, among other activities, incorporate regional policy and institutional development assistance as well as monitoring responsibilities regarding the Vienna Declaration. It



aims to build human, institutional and investment absorption capacity in the area of sustainable urban development. This demand-driven tool will facilitate cross-border cooperation and guided exchange of experiences so as to enable national and local governments (and their civil society partners) to deal with urban management-, urban environment- and housing matters in compliance with the Acquis Communautaire and other EU standards. The key feature, which distinguishes RCSP from other external support efforts in this sector, is that it aims to bring to bear experience from within the region in all capacity-building actions to be supported by the programme, along with international experience.

To implement this strategy in a consultative manner, SP/HUMI's activities to date were built around two "Vienna Declaration Review meetings" (Vienna, May 2005 and Brussels, October 2005) and a technical workshop on housing and urban management in SEE (Brussels, March 2005). These regional stakeholder meetings provided the opportunity for Ministry representatives to present and discuss their draft "Vienna Declaration Action Matrix" (VDAM), indicating each Ministry's goals, activities, benchmarks, involved actors and timelines regarding the implementation of their Vienna Declaration commitments.

To date, significant substantive areas of common concern were identified by SEE participants, and the overall substance and objectives of the draft RCSP programme proposals were validated by the relevant stakeholders. A preparatory phase for RCSP development had been discussed and agreed in the 2nd Vienna Declaration regional review meeting to formulate a comprehensive programme document and to initiate pilot activities. This preparatory phase undertaken by UN-HABITAT and supported by the Stability Pact from late 2005 was envisaged to pave the way for the start of full programme implementation from late 2006.

III. The 3rd Vienna Declaration regional review meeting – Tirana, 4-5 May 2006

In accordance with the Vienna Declaration (Page 2, Paragraph VIII), the Stability Pact and the Ministry of Public Works, Transport and Communication of Albania hosted the "3rd regional review meeting" in Tirana, 4-5 May 2006 with Ministry representatives and experts from South Eastern Europe, international sector experts and representatives of UN-HABITAT, CEB, EIB, UNDP and bilateral support agencies participating. This first Vienna Declaration review meeting held in the SEE region was opened by the Deputy Minister for Public Works, Transport and Communication, while additional opening statements were made by the Advisor to the Prime Minister and the representatives of the Stability Pact and UN-HABITAT. A list of participants is attached as Annex 1.

Objectives of the meeting

To ensure continuity in addressing informal settlement issues throughout the region, the 3rd regional review meeting provided an opportunity to:

- review updated and consolidated action-plans by the signatories of the declaration and assess progress in implementing the activities outlined by the five signatories of the Vienna Declaration (progress, obstacles, success factors);
- learn from regional grass-root experiences in addressing the issue of informal settlements based on project presentations from the SEE countries;



- discuss the status of RCSP preparation, and more in particular to review the first draft of the RCSP programme document and suggestions for pilot or demo projects to be carried out during the remainder of the preparatory phase in 2006.

Vienna Declaration Action Plan progress

The representatives of the signatory Ministries to the Vienna declaration presented progress in the implementation of the Vienna Declaration Action Matrices (VDAMs) in their countries. In addition, local case-study examples were presented from Albania, Macedonia and Serbia, highlighting some operational experience in dealing with informal settlements, including Roma settlements, as well as presenting some policy directions in the broader urban development and housing field (particularly in the case of Macedonia). Several of the participating international development support agencies presented their involvement in urban development and housing in the region.

In presenting progress in implementing their VDAMs, Albania, Kosovo and Macedonia representatives presented an updated version of the VDAM used in earlier reviews, whereas Montenegro and Serbian representatives used specially prepared power point briefing formats highlighting specific implementation issues.

The VDAM review indicated that considerable progress has been made in putting into place improved legal and regulatory frameworks for addressing informal settlements. For instance, a law on informal settlements development has been adopted in Albania, and is currently under review, considering the initial operational experience. Similar legislation is under preparation in several other countries. Similarly, urban planning legislation and urban planning processes and procedures are being adapted to facilitate effective legalisation and improvement of informal settlements.

Additionally, in most of the countries concrete action is beginning to be undertaken to develop policies, programmes and projects to prevent the further growth of informal settlements, primarily in the area of (social) housing. This generally serves two purposes: to provide general options for alternative settlement, as well as catering to those households who have to move from informal settlements being legalised, because their houses are in the way of projected infrastructure rights of way or otherwise situated precariously.

However, the review generally indicated that insufficient practical progress is being made along both dimensions: both the number of properties being legalised as well as the number of new housing opportunities being created fall far short of requirements. This is so, because of inadequate capacity to develop sensible and responsive programmes timely, and because in a number of cases the legislative and regulatory frameworks (including some of those specially designed to deal with informal settlements) proved to be in-conducive to making rapid progress.

It was noted that there is a need to revise the VDAM presentation and discussion formats to focus more on quantitative outcomes (as was already suggested earlier in the 2nd VD review meeting), e.g. where possible, to include targets in terms of number of units/areas to be legalised and upgraded and/or number of alternative accommodations/serviced sites to be provided over a specific period of time, instead of only focusing on intermediate outputs, such as the above legal and regulatory provisions. It was also suggested that the next review could perhaps focus on specific



elements out of the action plans in greater detail, e.g. the legislative process, planning procedures adaptation or social housing approaches.

The discussion additionally highlighted the following substantive issues:

- there is a clear need to distinguish conceptually and operationally between informal settlements which have emerged by default as a result of public sector failure to provide housing opportunities for the poor on the one hand, and illegal housing development responding to market opportunities (both for housing and recreational purposes) on the other hand, as the appropriate policy response to these two types of informal developments may differ;
- operational experience indicates that special vulnerable groups are often included in the first category, such as demonstrated by the presentation of the Roma informal settlements situation in Belgrade; the suggestion was made that this group requires special attention and priority in approach;
- attention was drawn to the adverse fiscal consequences of informality in terms of very significant lost (local) government revenue in cases where informality is a major phenomenon (quantitative estimates were presented for Albania);
- in pursuing policies of legalisation and upgrading of informal settlements, more emphasis must be placed on both on the empowerment of the residents by the legalisation process, but also on the obligations that such legalisation imposes on the residents: legalisation and upgrading bring such settlements into the mainstay of urban development, and in return residents must be prepared to pay legalisation charges to finance infrastructure upgrading; failure to pay such charges should lead to eviction and demolition of their houses;
- political will to adopt such a “carrot-and-stick” approach systematically and enforce it is often lacking, and operational capacities at local level to implement it are often very limited; as e.g. illustrated by the presentations from Montenegro and Serbia, even where planning frameworks are sensibly adapted, there is often still an inability to timely implement and enforce approved plans, so that they lose their practical validity as further informal development overtakes them;
- the experience with legalisation and upgrading of informal settlements in countries where this has been undertaken on a significant scale demonstrates that it is a lengthy and human resource intensive process (as e.g. illustrated by the work in the Keneta settlement in Durres which was visited by the participants on the second day of the meeting);
- in some countries the process is additionally complicated by the need to resolve restitution of land claims from pre-socialist era land owners.

Regional Capacity Strengthening Programme (RCSP)

The preparation status of the RCSP was reviewed in the meeting, based on a presentation of the main features of the draft RCSP programme document 2007-2010 (including a more detailed document for the 2007 inception phase) by UN-HABITAT’s lead consultant for RCSP development. An additional report was presented on the conclusions and recommendations of the regional workshop of national associations of local governments held in Skopje in late April 2006, in which support to the development of RCSP was expressed, as well as the expectation of continued involvement of these associations in the development and implementation of the RCSP.



In the ensuing discussions, it was clarified that the main distinct feature of this major capacity-building initiative is to capitalise on the emerging experience within the region in urban development and housing (given the strong communalities of history and problems), with all activities to be undertaken under the programme (as defined in specific Initiating Briefs or IBs – a mini project document) having a regional or at least a cross-border dimension.

It was clarified that activities proposed for support under the programme may be of quite diverse nature, including e.g. curriculum development, support to the preparation of appropriate legislation and support to the preparation of investment programme. The design and approval criteria for IBs were discussed, as well as the operational programme management and oversight arrangements proposed.

It was clarified that IBs will be approved by the Regional Steering Committee, i.a. comprising representatives from each of the participating countries and of programme funders before they can be implemented. It was clarified that an Interim Steering Committee already established for the preparatory phase comprising representatives of UN-HABITAT, SP/HUMI, CEB and EIB will gradually be augmented as the programme unfolds during the inception phase. Activities can be proposed by any stakeholder through the country focal points or through the UN-HABITAT programme management, and must adhere to prior agreed approval criteria. Activities may be carried out within-country or regionally. It was noted that, given limited funds available, the programme embodies a competitive design, which was positively appreciated, but which makes it all the more important that management and oversight responsibilities are clear, fair and transparent, so that regional ownership will be assured.

Various suggestions for initial pilot or demo project were presented by country representatives from Albania, Serbia and Montenegro. These suggestions had been transformed into two generic templates for demo projects (by the UN-HABITAT consultants) which were also presented and reviewed by the meeting.

Field visits

Field visits to several informal settlements of different nature in Tirana and Durres were conducted, which not only illustrated the diversity of these settlements, but also the complexity of the approaches required to ensure their resolution. It was generally appreciated that one of the benefits of conducting the Vienna Declaration review meetings in the region rather than at the SP offices in Brussels consists of being able to be exposed to specific practical examples of such settlements and attempts to resolve them.

4th Regional Review Meeting and beyond

As agreed in the previous meeting, the 4th regional review meeting will be held in fall 2006 in Belgrade, Serbia. The meeting will have the same dual purpose as the previous ones, but perhaps in a revised format, given the concerns expressed regarding the VDAM review process. It will be very helpful to again have some specific case study presentations (but a more limited number) and field visits, as it was found that these significantly help the focus of the meeting. It was noted that, as the RCSP moves towards implementation, the next (5th) VDAM meeting thereafter (in Spring 2007) may take place in the context of RCSP implementation. Montenegro volunteered to host the 5th regional review meeting.



IV. Next Steps

Meeting report

SP/HUMI will prepare the 3rd regional review meeting report within two weeks after the meeting and circulate it to all participants along with all country and case study presentation and background documents presented in the meeting, so that all participants will have all these in electronic form.

Regional Review of VDAM Implementation

For the next (4th) regional review meeting (October-November 2006) the format of VDAM progress review will be redefined with greater focus on indicators, and attempts to more systematically review specific elements of the VDAMs. *The SP/HUMI will prepare a revised review framework accordingly and circulate this for comments well before the meeting date* (to be announced in consultation between the Government of Serbia and the SP/HUMI).

Regional Capacity Strengthening Programme (RCSP)

The participating countries (including Croatia, which regrettably was not represented, due to illness of its focal point) will provide written comments, if any, on the draft programme document, within two weeks of the meeting. The UN-HABITAT consultants will revise the draft programme document as soon as possible thereafter, but in time for it to be presented by SP/HUMI and UN-HABITAT at the SP Regional Working Table meeting to be held in Belgrade during 29-30 May 2006 for the purpose of generating endorsement and financial support. *The final programme document* will be circulated to the focal points in all participating countries prior to that meeting.

SP/HUMI will circulate an IB Format, IB formulation and approval guidelines and the demo-projects templates to all focal points within two weeks of the 3rd review meeting, so that specific fundable demo-project proposals can be submitted to UN-HABITAT and SP/HUMI by 9 June 2006, for screening, ranking and approval by the Interim Steering Committee by the end of June 2006. Subject to funding availability, approved demo-projects will then be implemented from October 2006 with support by the UN-HABITAT consultant team.

In parallel, SP/HUMI and UN-HABITAT will use the 2nd half of 2006 to mount a major resource mobilisation drive to ensure that at least the inception phase of the programme will be able to commence in January 2007 as planned.

Demo projects selected and progress in their implementation will be presented by the initiators in the next next Vienna Declaration review meeting. SP/HUMI and UN-HABITAT will also report on the broader RCSP preparatory progress, funding position and prospects in that meeting.



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ANNEX II - AGENDA

THURSDAY 4 MAY 2006 - TIRANA	
MODERATION: DR EMIEL WEGELIN	
09:30 –10:00	<p>Welcome Address and Opening Statements</p> <p>Stavri Ristani, <i>Deputy Minister of Public Works, Transport and Communication of Albania</i></p> <p>Besnik Aliaj, <i>Adviser to the Prime Minister of Albania</i></p> <p>Laurent Guye, <i>Director of Working Table II of Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe</i></p> <p>Paul Taylor, <i>Director of UN-HABITAT Liaison Office to Belgium and the EU</i></p> <p>Adoption of agenda</p>
10:00- 10:40	SESSION 1: VIENNA DECLARATION IMPLEMENTATION & HOUSING SECTOR ACTIVITIES
	<p>Presentation and discussion of updated Vienna Declaration Action matrix (VDAM) by the five signatory countries: Albania, Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, UNMIK/Kosovo</p>
10:40-11:00	COFFEE BREAK
11:00-12:30	Session 1 continued
12:30 – 14:00	LUNCH
14:00 - 16:00	SESSION 2: SEE PROJECT EXPERIENCES
	<p>Presentation and discussion of select case studies and/or national housing sector activities in Western Balkan countries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ „Sector activities and project initiatives in Albania“, various presenters ▶ “Informal Roma and non Roma settlements in a comparative framework”, Zlata Vuksanovic, UN-HABITAT SIRP, Belgrade ▶ "Less Informal Housing: The Role of Research", Nada Lazarevic Bajec, Faculty of Architecture, Belgrade University



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ <i>“Prilep and its development”</i>, Lidija Angelkova, Center for Civic Initiative, Skopje▶ <i>“Strategic documents for the Republic of Macedonia”</i>, Skopje▶ <i>“Sector strategies and activities in Macedonia”</i>, Imerli Beqiri, Dragica Nikiforovik (Ministry of Transport and Communication) and Danica Pavlovska (Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning)▶ <i>“Urban development support activities of the Austrian Technical Cooperation in Albania”</i>, Florenc Qosja, ADA Coordination Office in Tirana▶ <i>“Trends and progress in housing reforms in SEE”</i>, Dimo Iliev, CEB▶ <i>“In Pursuit of Sustainable Settlements and Communities: The Role of the EIB”</i>, Brian Field, EIB
16:00 – 19:00	Field trip to Tirana surroundings - Urban development in Tirana area, organised by Co-Plan Institute for Habitat Development
Followed by	DINNER



FRIDAY, 5 MAY 2006 – TIRANA / DURRES	
MODERATION: DR EMIEL WEGELIN	
9:00-13:00	SESSION 3: REGIONAL CAPACITY STRENGTHENING PROGRAMME FOR SEE (RCSP) – FINAL PROGRAMME DOCUMENT & PROPOSALS FOR PILOT REGIONAL ACTIVITIES
	Presentation of RCSP programme document/mechanism & brief review of national stakeholder consultations UN-HABITAT Conclusions of RCSP regional workshop with National Municipal Associations (Skopje, 27-28 April 2006) Albanian Association of Municipalities Open discussion on draft programme document
	COFFEE BREAK
	Proposals for first demo-projects under the RCSP Participating countries and UN-HABITAT Open discussion on proposals for demo-projects Next steps in RCSP programme development / implementation 4th Regional Vienna Declaration Review in Belgrade Conclusions & Closing
13:00-14:00	LUNCH
14:00-18:00	SESSION 4: FIELD TRIP TO KENETA INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS IN DURRES
	Excursion and explanation of pilot project by Co-Plan Institute for Habitat Development, Durres municipality and community representatives. Discussion of project experiences