



**Habitat International Coalition – Housing and Land Rights Network:
Comments on 27 July draft**

18 July draft	27 July draft	Comments	Justification
OP8: “We anchor our vision in the concept of cities for all...”	OP8: “We anchor our vision in the concept of cities for all...”	Replace with: “We anchor our vision in the universality and indivisibility of human rights in the context of human settlements...”	“Cities for all” is not a habitual term or concept; whereas, the universality and indivisibility of human rights is agreed-upon language (Vienna Declaration, 1993).
OP 10 (a) : “ensuring the full and progressive realization and enjoyment of the right to adequate housing, as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living”	“with a view to achieving progressively the full realization of the right to adequate housing...”	Restore the 18 July text with proper construction” “human right to adequate housing”	So as not to misconstrue the human right to adequate housing as only a “property” right
OP21 “...human rights of all...”	OP23: “all human rights”	“all human rights for all”	
OP15: “persons with disabilities...”	OP17: “persons with disabilities...”	Insert “persons with disabilities, LGBTI, ...”	So as to address discrimination and “leave no one behind.”
OP15: “...farmers and fishers,...”	OP17: “...small-holder farmers, fishers...”	Insert “pastoralists”: “...small-holder farmers, fishers, pastoralists... ”	So as to address discrimination and “leave no one behind.”
	OP27: “to reaffirm full respect of the international humanitarian law.”	Remove redundant “the” add “and human rights law”: “to reaffirm full respect of international humanitarian law and human rights law. ”	Correct grammar and incomplete legal reference to applicable norms (e.g., UNCHR, resolution 1993/77, GA resolution and A/RES/60/147).
	OP25: “focus on the needs of the homeless...”	“...focus on the needs of the homeless...” Insert “, women and children”	Agreed language in Habitat Agenda, 1996, (para. 63).
OP23: “We further to support refugees...urban life”	OP25: “We commit to support refugees, internally displaced persons...”	Add “and” in: “We commit to support refugees and internally displaced persons...” and add: “, including the restitution of their land and properties, as well as their rights to return and rehabilitation.	Consistent with E/CN.4/Sub.2/2005/17 and A/RES/60/147 (2006).
OP25: “fulfilling the right to adequate housing for all...prevent forced evictions...”	OP28: “support the right to adequate housing for all...prevent arbitrary forced evictions...”	OP28: restore “fulfilling the human right to adequate housing for all...prevent forced evictions...” adding proper construct ‘human right to adequate housing,’ and removing “arbitrary.”	So as not to misconstrue the human right to adequate housing as only a “property” right; ‘arbitrary’ forced eviction is redundant and inconsistent with UN and agreed-upon language (UNCHR resolution 1993/77 and CESCR General Comments Nos. 4 & 7).
	OP28:	After “We commit to promote...implementation of these policies.” Add: “These policies align with the right to reparations for victims of forced	Agreed-upon UN language (UNCHR, resolution 1993/77, GA resolution A/RES/60/147 and UN Basic principles and Guidelines

		eviction as a gross violation of human rights, in particular the human right to adequate housing.”	on Development-based Eviction and Displacement, A/HRC/4/18).
OP29: “We commit to promote increased security of tenure for all...”	OP32: “We commit to promote increased security of tenure for all...”	Replace “commit to promote increased’ with “ensure”: “We commit to ensure security of tenure for all...”	Consistent with treaty obligations and UN language (CESCR, General Comment No. 4).
	OP56: “...urban economies...”	Insert “and rural”: “...urban and rural economies...”	So as to leave no one behind, and because urban development alone is inoperable and not “the world we want.”
	OP76: “urban spatial development...”	Insert “ rural ”: “urban and rural spatial development...”	Narrowing the Agenda to only urban development is inoperable
OP75: “equitable and implementable urban policies, as appropriate, including land and housing policies...sound urban and territorial planning guidelines”	OP80: “implementable and participatory urban policies, as appropriate...”	Restore language, retaining “participatory”: “equitable and implementable urban policies, as appropriate, including land and housing policies...and sound urban and rural planning guidelines”	The term “territorial” is not necessarily inclusive of rural.
	OP88: “integrated planning...”	Replace with “integrated and balanced rural and urban development planning...”	Consistent with Habitat I and Habitat II commitments.
OP83: “We will implement...”	OP89: “We will support implementing...”	Restore “we will implement...”	Recognizing that “policies and plans” are public goods and service is a public duty, not to be deferred to third parties (CESCR General Comment no. 15, paras. 43-44).
OP93: “We will foster the realization of the right to adequate housing...standard of living by all appropriate means and to the maximum of our available resources, ...”	OP98: “We will foster...standard of living.”	Restore: “We will foster the realization of the right to adequate housing...standard of living by all appropriate means and to the maximum of our available resources, ...”	Agreed-upon treaty language (International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Article 2.1).
	OPs 100, 103: “...arbitrary forced eviction...”	Delete: “arbitrary”	The phrase “arbitrary” forced eviction is redundant and inconsistent with UN and agreed-upon language (UNCHR resolution 1993/77 and CESCR General Comments Nos. 4 & 7).
	OP138:	Delete	No agreed basis and not supported by evidence to the contrary.
General comment:	“urban and territorial”	Replace with “urban and rural” throughout text	See current OP80 above.