

**XXXI GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MINISTERS AND HIGH AUTHORITIES OF HOUSING  
AND URBAN PLANNING OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

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**Declaration of Santiago**

**Transforming and humanizing the city and the territory**

The Ministers and Highest Authorities of Housing and Urban Development of Latin America and the Caribbean participating in this Thirty-first General Assembly, declare the following:

**Considering that:**

1. The Forum of Ministers and Highest Authorities of Housing and Urban Development of Latin America and the Caribbean (MINURVI), established in 1992, is a forum for dialogue, coordination and intergovernmental cooperation that promotes the equitable and sustainable development of human settlements and housing.
2. MINURVI ratifies its willingness to advance in the commitments framed in the United Nations 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals, the New Urban Agenda, and those agreed globally on Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction.
3. Climate Change generates important challenges for Latin America and the Caribbean, specifically in terms of mitigation and adaptation, establishing as an objective for our countries to advance in more sustainable and resilient human settlements, developing adaptive capacities to climate change at national, regional and local level, and establishing financial resources to address the needs of mitigation and adaptation to Climate Change that allow facing the costs of resilient infrastructures.
4. The challenges associated with the increase in the price of construction materials and the post-pandemic international economic crisis, which reflect a complex situation for the housing sector, making access to housing even more difficult for the most vulnerable households, which encourages further deepening of cooperation ties

between the countries of the region and the international agencies that provide support to Official Development Assistance.

5. Our region faces a significant housing and urban development deficit, that represents a serious situation of vulnerability in the quality of life of the population, which leads to other problems associated with health, education, public safety and social development.
6. The promotion of housing and territorial planning policies are the basis for a better quality of life in the region, contributing to the equitable and sustainable development of territories and communities.
7. It is necessary to generate public policies for the adequate location of housing, including the provision of facilities and services that promote the enjoyment of the right to the city and access to housing.
8. When addressing existing inequalities, it is essential to promote the development of inclusive and sustainable cities with a gender and care approach in the design of urban-housing policies in each country.

**Recognizing:**

1. The relevance of the presentations, exchanges and discussions generated by bringing together the highest national authorities in housing and urban planning in Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as the international community, represented by the International Organizations that have collaborated and participated in this event.
2. The valuable contribution of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), as well as the United Nations Human Settlements Program (UN-Habitat), in its role as technical secretariat of the MINURVI Executive Committee.
3. The contribution of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the South American Development Bank-CAF, and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) as strategic partners for the development of this Assembly.
4. The important exchange between the national authorities of housing and urban development sector, where four topics were discussed:

- a. Role of the State in the production of housing and the city.
  - b. Financing, land and housing market.
  - c. Inclusive cities. Care systems and gender approach incorporation.
  - d. Cities, Sustainability and Climate Change.
5. That it is possible to strengthen technical exchange by using available communication technologies, reducing costs and increasing its diffusion.
  6. The work of the organization team for this Assembly, composed by a group of professionals, international authorities and MINURVI authorities, as well as international organizations, that have supported the materialization of this meeting with their work.

**We commit to:**

1. Contribute to the fulfillment of the 2030 Agenda and the New Urban Agenda goals, as well as to promote the Latin American and the Caribbean Urban and Cities Platform as a tool for the follow-up, experience exchange and monitoring of these objectives.
2. Generate an active role of the states of Latin America and the Caribbean in the implementation of housing and urban development planning and regulation policies, that contribute to a better quality of life, in an inclusive, sustainable and development-oriented manner in the region.
3. Develop strategies and public policies for the adequate location of housing projects that are properly equipped with facilities and services in order to provide adequate access to the city.
4. Promote the development of inclusive cities, by introducing a gender and care approach in the urban-housing policies of each country to address existing inequalities from a multidimensional approach.
5. Propitiate more sustainable human settlements, considering the effects of Climate Change that affect low-income populations, which require interventions and responsibilities shared between the public and private sectors.

6. Encourage the mobilization and management of resources within the framework of Official Development Assistance, prioritizing projects aligned with the fulfillment of the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular Goal 11, namely "making cities more inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable".
7. Based on the New Urban Agenda, we will promote the best practices in order to capture and share the increased value of land and assets resulting from urban development processes, infrastructure projects and public investments.
8. Develop comprehensive habitat policies that recognize, strengthen and facilitate civic and community processes to solve housing problems related to the right to decent housing, drinking water, basic sanitation and comprehensive solid waste management.
9. Work jointly with the Ministries of Finance or the jurisdiction of competence to anticipate resources for the sector, including green financing alternatives, and develop public policy mechanisms and strategies to expand housing financing for low-income sectors.
10. Strengthen the coordination between local, intermediate governments and civil society.
11. Promote the use of the Global Urban Monitoring Framework tool, formulated by UN-Habitat to measure progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the SDGs in an effective and comparative manner, even contributing to the preparation of National and Local Voluntary Reports.
12. Invite the countries of the region to actively participate in the process of discussion and review of progress in the implementation of the SDGs from the perspective of housing and urbanism in the framework of the High Level Political Forum (HLPF) to be held in New York City during the month of July 2023.
13. Foster the National Urban Forums and other spaces for multidisciplinary dialogue for new formulations and/or revisions of housing and urban planning policies that promote inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable urban development, as well as the right to the city and to decent housing.
14. Promote the articulation of MINURVI with the group of permanent representatives of the LAC countries (GRULAC) in Nairobi, in order to strengthen the exchange of

information and inputs for decision making in the global and regional framework, collaborating with the United Nations Human Settlements Program (UN-Habitat).

15. Develop initiatives for the exchange of experiences between countries and cities on housing and urban development issues, advancing in south-south, north-south and triangular cooperation frameworks.

16. To entrust the Executive Committee, as the body having the authority to implement the guidelines adopted by the General Assembly, with the following tasks:

a. Prepare for the XXXII General Assembly of Ministers and Highest Authorities of Housing and Urban Development of Latin America and the Caribbean.

b. Generate a work plan for MINURVI that incorporates the diversity of territories and cultures of the countries and regions that make up this organization, where new information technologies allow for technical exchanges and a more active annual work agenda, within a period not to exceed 90 (ninety) days from the adoption of the present document, in order to guarantee continuity of action between the incoming and outgoing Presidencies.

c. Work to recover the contact and participation of MINURVI member countries that have not been able to participate in the last Assemblies.

d. Organize the MINURVI work through the following Directive Council:

i. Presidency: Argentina

ii. Solidarity Vice Presidency: Barbados

iii. Debate Vice Presidency: Colombia

iv. Information Vice Presidency: Dominican Republic

v. South American Representative: Uruguay

vi. Caribbean Representative: Belice

vii. Center America and México Representative: Costa Rica

17. To request the Technical Secretariat to prepare a report on the topics discussed to be distributed to the members of this Assembly, as well as to the general public.

18. To instruct the representatives of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and CAF-Development Bank of Latin America to collaborate with the generation of financing proposals for the promotion of policies within the framework of the interests of MINURVI member countries.
  
19. Instruct ECLAC to develop an analysis of financing alternatives for housing and urban development, taking into account the institutional complexity and the variety of existing green financing sources and products.

**Signed by the Ministers and/or Highest Authorities of Housing and Urban Development of Latin America and the Caribbean, or their delegates, who attended in person to the XXXI General Assembly of MINURVI in Santiago, Chile:**

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