

Management Response: Evaluation of UN-Habitat Liaison Offices (6/2012)

UN-Habitat Management welcomes the external evaluation report of UN-Habitat's Liaison Offices (Brussels, Geneva and New York) which has been undertaken on a request from UN-Habitat's management in order to assess the implications of the UN-Habitat organizational reform and the relevance of the Liaison Offices' respective functions.

UN-Habitat acknowledges the main findings of the evaluation and presents, in the attached, detailed responses to each of the recommendations and proposed follow-up actions with timeframe and responsible units. It should be noted that at the time of the evaluation (November 2011-March 2012) UN-Habitat was in the transitional phase of organizational reform process, and many of the changes initiated to further increase organizational efficiency (including in regard to the Liaison Offices), effectiveness, productivity and accountability.

This management response was coordinated and prepared by the External Relations Division in close consultation with the Liaison Offices.

However it has to be taken into consideration that the financial constraints experienced by the Organization (then and now) have not allowed yet the full implementation of all recommendations stated in the Evaluation.