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## THE RIGHT TO ADEQUATE HOUSING FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES LIVING IN CITIES - TOWARDS INCLUSIVE CITIES

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# Foreword



**O**n the occasion of World Cities Day 2015 “Designed to Live Together” I am pleased to launch this report on the Right to Adequate Housing for Persons with Disabilities Living in Cities.

Too often, we see the existing barriers in public spaces and buildings, as well as the lack of safe, affordable, accessible and barrier-free housing and transportation, obstruct persons with disabilities from fully enjoying their rights and living in dignity and safety in their communities.

Urban spaces may exacerbate segregation and the exclusion of people in vulnerable situations, including persons with disabilities. Innovative housing, transportation

dynamic, resilient and sustainable cities and communities. The “Three-Pronged approach” – designed to better respond to the challenges and harness the opportunities of cities and human settlements by integrating urban planning, economy and legislation – is a very powerful tool in building this accessibility and resilience..

The growing urgency to provide adequate housing to millions of households and the need to do so in ways to guarantee a sustainable future for cities calls for a paradigm shift in housing policy and practice. UN-Habitat proposes that this shift, referred to as ‘Housing at the Centre’, comes to position housing as a priority in the public debate around urbanization, integrated within the framework of na-

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