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The United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) presents its compliments to the Permanent and Observer Missions to UN-Habitat and has the honour to refer to its Note Verbale UNH-SGC-O-170323 dated 30 May 2017 regarding the 2017 Dubai International Award for Best Practices to Improve the Living Environment, and to draw attention to the fast approaching deadline of the 31 August 2017 for submission of applications for the Award.

UN-Habitat wishes to encourage applications for the Award before the deadline of 31 August 2017, in the following five categories:

- 1. Best Practice Award (2 Awards): 1 Award for National Urban Policies and 1 Award for Slum Upgrading.
- 2. Best Practices Transfer Awards (2 Awards): 1 Award in Local Implementation Urban Redevelopment, and Redesign of Urban Spaces, and 1 Award in Monitoring Mechanisms for the New Urban Agenda and the Urban SDGs.
- 3. Individual Award (2 Awards): Both awards for contribution to Urban Economy and Municipal Finance.
- 4. Private Sector Award (2 Awards): Both awards for contribution to Territorial Planning, Urban Planning and Design.
- 5. Research Award (2 Awards): Both awards on Legislation, Rules, Regulations and Governance Systems.

UN-Habitat would be grateful if Member States could continue to share the call for submissions broadly.

Further information on the award can be found on UN-Habitat's website at https://unhabitat.org/dubai-awards/ as well as at http://www.dubaiaward.dm.gov.ae. The focal point for the Award is Ms. Åsa Jonsson, Chief, Best Practices Unit (asa.jonsson@unhabitat.org, tel: 254-20-7624242)

The United Nations Human Settlements Programme avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent and Observer Missions to UN-Habitat the assurance of its highest consideration.

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