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Dear Urban Focus Reader

FINAL EDITION OF URBAN FOCUS

It is with some sadness that we write to inform you that the July 1991 issue of the Urban . Foundation Publication Urban Focus was the last.

Since its inception eighteen months ago, we intended that the publication should play an important role in highlighting and analysing the complexities of urban debates in a fluid policy

environment. As a specialist publication addressing urban concerns, we saw Focus filling a gap

in the information media at a time when solid well-researched information appeared to be fundamental to purposeful change. And, as an Urban Foundation product, it gave us the opportunity to share ongoing research and monitoring in the urban field.

Within the Urban Foundation we have looked very carefully at our role, and at the optimal mobilisation of our resources. The result has been a process of re-on'entation to facilit ate more

responsive, inter-active engagement in urban debate and development.

Against this background, we have developed a new communications and publications strategy

, with clearer areas of focus and more emphasis on an exchange of views and development ide as.

In line with this strategy, we will in future communicate with specific audiences in a mu ch more

personal manner on matters of mutual interest and concern.

Many Urban Focus readers will be familiar with the publication series entitled Policies f or a New

Urban Future, which document Urban Foundation research over the past five years. For your information, a list of the documents published so far is attached. If you are interested in

obtaining copies, please contact Denise Lenton on (011) 403-5500. A nominal charge of R10 per

document is levied to defray production and postage costs. The final four documents in th e

series will be published in the new year. Thereafter, the complete package will be availa ble to

Focus readers for R80.

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Tackling Group Areas

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DOCUMENTS TO BE PUBLISHED IN 1992

Managing the Cities

The International Experience

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