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the keynote film to Habitat:
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"A SENSE OF PLACE"

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A SENSE OF PLACE

"A Sense of Place", filmed around the world in eight different countries, explores some of the issues of human settlements, in both developed and developing countries. It focuses on the need and desire of people everywhere to find 'a sense of place'; in Singapore, Indonesia, Turkey, Senegal, Venezuela, Poland, United States and Canada. This knowledge and feeling of security and belonging unlocks the energy and spirit of people to take action and find solutions to their own human settlement problems. The film looks at universal concerns such as rural-urban migration, the exploding cities, the needs for a safe, clean water supply, decent and adequate housing, employment and education. By examining these aspects we are reminded that cities are not the only answer to settlements, that we should be actively involved in alternatives, such as rural development, smaller-sized cities and towns, and agricultural communities: and that all nations must develop effective human settlement policies.

It is a hopeful film -- a gentle film -- to show and to credit effort -- positive examples -- to indicate directions for future action. Designed to be presented to the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements, it is appropriate for many kinds of audiences, from those of community groups, schools and universities, television audiences, to planners, architects government departments involved with human settlements issues and for the general public.

The major objective of this film has been to raise the level of awareness of the issues of human settlements, the interdependencies that exist, and the need to effect the best possibilities for human needs and aspirations within these settlements, while at the same time taking care to protect the limits of the environment.