

Statement
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**Mr. Chairman,
Board Members and Excellencies,
Mme Executive Director,**

Let me at the outset applaud you, Mr. Chairman, for your able conduct of the meeting, and extend appreciation for the Bureau Members for their diligent work.

I would like to align my delegation with the G77+China statement and the statement by the African Group. I would also like to echo the points raised by the delegations of Nigeria and Morocco.

Mr. Chairman,

Egypt fully supports the work of the UN-Habitat, under the wise leadership of Ms. Maimunah Sharif, and encourage her commendable efforts in dealing with sexual exploitation and abuse against women in the workplace, and the steps taken to empower women to the P5-level and above. We note with appreciation her handling of the financial situation of the programme, and welcome the surplus achieved this year in non-earmarked contributions. We trust that it will be effectively utilized to further capacity-building and technical cooperation programmes, in order to support Governments' efforts to achieve SDG-11. We also urge Member States and partners to increase their non-earmarked contributions, so as to enable more focus on mandated normative work.

With the continuing population growth rates, and accordingly accelerated urbanization, particularly in African and Asian countries, the role of UN-Habitat becomes even more indispensable to achieve sustainable urbanization and mitigation of the effects of climate change, hence ensuring adequate housing, decent living and protection of the environment.

Undoubtedly, effective planning and budgetary control are essential to ensure the optimal utilization of the available resources. However, Egypt expects that this is carried out in a balanced manner that would allow the

Executive Director to manage the Reserve Fund for the benefit of the Programme's institutional and programmatic work.

Finally, I wish to highlight that the success of WUF-12 will not be possible without collective efforts and commitments. Egypt is keen on making it success for Africa.

I thank You.