

**NIGERIA'S STATEMENT ON AGENDA ITEM 5: UPDATE ON
DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME OF UN-HABITAT AND THE
DRAFT BUDGET OF THE UNITED NATIONS HABITAT AND
HUMAN SETTLEMENTS FOUNDATION FOR 2025**

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Thank you Chair for giving Nigeria the floor. I wish to congratulate you on your Chairmanship of this Executive Board and to express our sincere appreciation to the secretariat for the presentation and the background documents presented for the consideration of delegations prior to this meeting.

2. Nigeria aligns itself with the statements presented by the Permanent Representative of Cameroon on behalf of the Africa Group and by the Permanent Representative of Egypt on behalf of G77 and China.

3. Nigeria joins previous delegations in expressing its condolences to Kenya over the unfortunate effects of the flooding in the country.

Mr Chair,

4. This delegation notes the work and plans of UN-Habitat as embodied in the draft work programme and welcomes the robust collaborations established between UN-Habitat and other UN-agencies. We note that this strategy creates a centrality for UN-Habitat activities within the UN-System.

5. Following several engagements between the Secretariat and member states, and the consideration of the reports, it becomes apparent that UN-Habitat has in the recent past opted for a balanced and conservative approach to implementation of activities on the ground. This was in line with the necessity for efficient resource management.

6. My delegation considers that it is time to upscale delivery on the ground in order to address one of the inadequacies

enunciated in the OIOS report. We therefore encourage enhanced innovation in this regard, especially in line with the collaborative capacities of UN-Habitat to promote a more grassroots outlook in service delivery going forward.

7. I thank you.