

**ED's Introductory Statement Review and Approval of the Revised Strategic Plan
2014-2019: Agenda Item 9(b)**

Distinguished Delegates,

I am pleased to introduce the item: *Revised Strategic Plan of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for the Period 2014-2019*. You will recall that the 26th Governing Council, through Resolution 26/3, approved the strategic plan for 2014-2019 and proposed work programme and budget for the biennium 2018-2019; urging me to adjust the strategic plan on the basis of the results of the mid-term evaluation and to present the revised strategic plan to the CPR for review and approval.

The strategic plan was adjusted taking into account the results of the mid-term evaluation. Subsequently, it was present and discussed in the 59th meeting of the CPR Sub-committee on policy and programme of work for the biennium 2016-2017 on 8 November 2017. Based on the comments received, during the meeting and written comments sent to us after the meeting, the plan was further adjusted. Paragraphs 26-29, 32, 35 40-46, 53, 64-65, 80-89 and 110 reflect revision of the strategic plan based on the evaluation results.

Furthermore, you will also recall that the evaluators of the midterm evaluation gave 21 evaluation recommendations aimed at increasing the relevance, effectiveness and impact of UN-Habitat's work. The recommendations are in areas of: (i) UN-Habitat taking a leading role in the New Urban Agenda (NUA) and SDG 11; (ii) enabling programmatic integration towards transformative results; (iii) advocating for "fit- for purpose" structure and systems; and (iv) improving internal effectiveness and efficiency.

UN-Habitat developed a detailed management response and action plan to implement the 21 recommendations. The management response was also discussed by the 59th sub-committee on policy and programme of work. We are committed to implement the evaluation recommendations and will be informing you, on a regular basis, the status of implementation.

Thank you for your attention and I now present the draft revised strategic plan of the UN-Habitat for the period 2014-2019 for your approval.