## Bahrain and Indonesia seat sharing at the UN-Habitat Executive Board

- 1- In May 2019 the UN-Habitat Assembly at its first session elected by acclamation the 36 members of the UN-Habitat Executive Board, the Asia-Pacific States representatives are (China, India, Iran, Japan, Pakistan, Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka, Indonesia and Bahrain, will share the seat with the first two years for the Republic of **Indonesia**, and the Second two years for the Kingdom of **Bahrain**.
- 2- The Chair of the regional group of Asia-Pacific States informed the UN-Habitat Assembly that the regional group had agreed that **Bahrain and Indonesia** would share a seat.
- 3- This is recorded in the report of the Executive Board of UN-Habitat on the work of its first meeting held on 30 May 2019 on the margins of the Assembly (document HSP/EB/1/4).
- 4- The Chair of the regional group of Asia-Pacific States has received a note verbal Ref. No. D.026/11/2021/05 dated 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021, from the Embassy of Indonesia, indicated completion of its two-year term, and seeking to handover the membership of the Executive Board to the Kingdom of Bahrain in line with the above agreement, (forwarded to Members of the Group and UN-Habitat on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021).
- 5- The Chair of the regional group of Asia-Pacific States has received a note verbal Ref. No. 6/1/21/482 dated 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021, from the Kingdom of Bahrain, informing of its readiness to take over the membership of the Executive Board of UN-Habitat according to the aforementioned agreement, (forwarded to Members of the Group and UN-Habitat on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021). Accordingly, the Kingdom of Bahrain will be a member of UN-Habitat Executive Board for the remaining period until the next UN-Habitat Assembly in 2023.

## Mr. Chair,

On behalf of myself and the Group of Asia Pacific States, I beg your pardon to sincerely thank the Republic of Indonesia for its great contributions in the past period through its membership in the Executive Board.

Also, I would like to welcome the Kingdom of Bahrain for the second leg of the membership in the Board, wishing all success and best of luck.

## Mr. Chair,

I would be extremely grateful if you give **H.E. Eng. Basim Al Hamer**, Minister of Housing in the Kingdom of Bahrain, an opportunity to say a few words.