

Executive Board of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme

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Statement of Brazil

4. Financial status of UN-Habitat, including an update on the financial reserve and the updated scalability model for the non-earmarked budget of the Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for giving me the floor.

I also would like to thank the ED and the Secretariat the presentations on the financial status of the Programme and on the scalability model. On the financial status, I would like to echo my colleagues in commending the Secretariat for the recent accomplishments on the first surplus, the fully funded financial reserve and the repayment of the first instalment to repay the loan. This testifies both to the good management of the Program, as well as to the successful functioning of this Board.

On the scalability model, in line with previous decisions, we expect the presentation of a fully costed updated model for the non-earmarked Foundation budget, subject to various funding levels up to \$12 million. As for the indicated priorities, we consider it essential for UN-Habitat to be able to fulfil its role as a custodian of Sustainable Development Goal indicators, the resumption of regular global and regional publications on emerging trends derived from urbanization data, as well as stronger normative efforts c for adequate housing for all, cities 'contributions to climate solutions and localization of the SDGs.

We also deem it important for the New Urban Agenda to be included in the model. It is the guiding document, produced in one of the most inclusive UN Conferences, that gives shape to our collective vision of cities for all, referring to the equal use and enjoyment of cities and human settlements, seeking to promote inclusivity and ensure that all inhabitants, of present and future generations, without discrimination of any kind, are able to inhabit and produce just, safe, healthy, accessible, affordable, resilient and sustainable cities and human settlements.

The New Urban Agenda brings foundational concepts on a territorial approach that are able to inform debates on sustainable urbanization in this and other fora, addressing complex and diverse issues such as housing, sanitation, health, climate change, finance, road safety, energy, mobility and migration, among many others. That is why we fully support the hiring of staff with the purpose of enhancing both this Program's and countries' capacity for the implementation and reporting on the New Urban Agenda. It is the starting point to think about urbanization and human settlements in its complexity.