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**Statement of H.E.M Abderrazzak LAASSEL, Ambassador and Permanent
Representative of the Kingdom of Morocco to UNEP and UNHABITAT
Before the Third Session of the Executive Board 2023**

Thank you Chair,

I would like to start this statement by extending the Kingdom's of Morocco warmest congratulations to Her Excellency Mrs Maimonah Mohd Charif, Executive Director of UN-Habitat, for the excellent completion of her mandate and the value of the work she has invested in leading our organisation to the excellence;

Without you Mme Executive Director, this organisation was about to sink. You have achieved, thanks to your vision, your strive to elevate UN-Habitat from a programme to an organisation that is making difference on the ground through the delivery of concrete projects. You have also succeeded in saving the organisation from insolvency and by instilling the trust back to member states, donors and partners to continue contributing to the organisation.

This Executive Board has, under your brilliant leadership, taken important decisions that were key to allow the organisation deliver important projects across all regions and especially Africa, that are contributing to the achievement of SDG11.

Mr Chair,

The Kingdom of Morocco and all the several countries who joined the initiative to address a letter to H.E the UN Secretary General requesting that Madam ED's mandate be extended to another period, especially that the Organisation is going through a transitional period and that it would help UN-Habitat under her leadership to continue the work that she has initiated with the same vibrant dynamism and vitality that has always identified her, and **Morocco continues hoping that the plea will be responded to, positively.**

Thank you again for your support, Mme ED, and thank you for standing by this organisation.

I thank you.