

**1<sup>ST</sup> EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING UN-HABITAT**  
**6<sup>th</sup> May 2024, Nairobi, Kenya**  
**AGENDA ITEM 2**

**STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA**

Thank you Chair for giving me the floor.

The Acting Executive Director of UN-Habitat  
Excellencies and Members of the Executive Board

**PROGRESS UPDATE ON THE REGIONAL NEW URBAN AGENDA PLATFORM**

With reference to the Executive Board of UN-Habitat's third session of 2023, held in Nairobi on the 28-30<sup>th</sup> November 2023, and under Decision 2023/5, item (b)(9) Analysis of the principal obstacles to the implementation of the New Urban Agendas.

Malaysia through the Ministry of Housing and Local Government is committed to assist member states in Asia Pacific to incrementally report on progress for the implementation of the New Urban Agenda through, knowledge sharing and capacity building.

The regional initiative will be implemented under the guidance of the Executive Director of UN-Habitat, represented by the UN-Habitat ERSKID as the focal point of the global Urban Agenda Platform and UN-Habitat Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific in Fukuoka. The Platform preparatory works are being carried out and engagements with UN-Habitat is actively on-going.

Progressive engagement with Member States of the Asia Pacific region will be adopted to assist in progressing the reporting on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda. This year Malaysia will be hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> ASEAN-China Ministerial Roundtable on Housing and Construction (AMROACH) from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024 and we have also indicated our commitment to host the 7<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development (APMCHUD) in August 2024. And as ASEAN Chair for 2025, we are planning for an ASEAN Sustainable Urbanisation Forum and will host ASEAN Mayors Forum in Malaysia..

These important meetings and forums will be the platform to accelerate the implementation of New Urban Agenda and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals for the Asia Pacific region. Hence, the NUA Regional Platform will be a key initiative that will be discussed and deliberated in both AMROACH and APMCHUD this year and the forums plan for in 2025.

Malaysia is aggressively pursuing its progress reporting at all levels and to date has submitted its New Urban Agenda Progress Report in 2022, 2 Voluntary National Reviews, 1 Voluntary Sub-National Review and progressing on 63 Voluntary Local Review.

**Permanent Mission of Malaysia to UN-Habitat**

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