

Speech by the Ambassador of the Republic of Senegal in Nairobi

The Ad-Hoc Working Group on Programmatic, Budgetary and Administrative matters of the Executive Board, of the virtual seventh meeting of the Ad-Hoc Working Group held on Thursday 30 July 2020 from 11:00 a.m. to 13:00 p.m.,

Madam Chair,

Let me first congratulate the Executive Director of UN-Habitat, Ms Maimunah Mohd Sharif, for the successful conclusion of the Executive Board meeting, and for her hard work to sustain UN-Habitat both normative and operational interventions. I would like to extend my regards to the members of the executive committee.

My appreciation goes to the relevance of UN-Habitat mandate in Africa facing a lot of urbanization challenges. We must adequately equip UN-Habitat, as the leading UN Agency, to deliver its mandate and to support member states in transforming cities and human settlement for both social and economic development in Africa. Therefore, my delegation supports the position of the African group. And to reaffirm the need to maintain a realistic level of 10 Million budget (2020-2021) to allow UN-Habitat to effectively develop and implement programs and projects. Senegal already has 50 000 USD available for the voluntary contribution and I call upon other members of the African Group to fulfil their commitments.

We are also kindly asking UN-Habitat to strengthen its operational works and to give more visibility to it.

Thank you, Madam Chair.