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DEVELOPMENT (Habitat III)

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**Oral Statement by the Chair of the
WORKING GROUP On Operational and Administrative
Mr. Majid Hasan Al-Suwadi**

Co-Chairs,

Dear Colleagues,

At its first plenary meeting of the First Session the Preparatory Committee established a Working Group on Operational and Administrative Matters. The Preparatory Committee mandated the Working Group to take up agenda item 7 (Financing of the preparatory process and the Conference) as contained in document A/CONF.226/PC.1/INF/3, agenda item 8 - Arrangements for future sessions of the Preparatory Committee as contained in document A/CONF.226/PC.1/CRP.2, agenda item 5(a) the draft provisional rules of procedure of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) as contained in document A/CONF.226/PC.1/ 2/Rev.1, agenda item 5(b) Arrangements for accreditation and participation of major groups and other relevant stakeholders, as contained in document A/CONF.226/PC.1/3; and Consolidated list of non-governmental organizations and major groups recommended for special accreditation, as contained in document

A/CONF.226/PC.1/INF/4.

The Preparatory Committee also decided that the Working Group would report back to the Committee at its closing plenary session.

The Working Group held two meetings on 17 and 18 September. As an outcome of the Working Group's considerations I would like to report to the Preparatory Committee the following:

1. The working group took note of the Note by the Secretary-General of the Conference on Financing of the preparatory process and the Conference as contained in document A/CONF.226/PC.1/INF/3 - agenda item 7;
2. The working group agreed with the proposed dates for the Second Session of the Preparatory Committee 14, 15 and 16 of April 2015 as contained in document A/CONF.226/PC.1/CRP.2, which it considered, and therefore it is recommended that the Preparatory Committee takes a relevant decision.
3. The working group recommended to defer consideration of the following documents for the second session of the Preparatory Committee:
 - Draft provisional rules of procedure of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) as contained in document A/CONF.226/PC.1/ 2/Rev.1. - agenda item 5 (a);
 - Arrangements for accreditation and participation of major groups and other relevant stakeholders, as contained in document A/CONF.226/PC.1/3; and Consolidated list of non-governmental organizations and major groups recommended for special accreditation, as contained in document A/CONF.226/PC.1/INF.4 – agenda item 5 (b).

Thank you Chairs