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**Agenda Item 9: Report on the status of implementation of the New Urban Agenda
(HSP/CPR/65/9)**

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Mr. Chairman,
Excellencies,
Distinguished Members of the CPR,

I am pleased to introduce the report on the status of implementation of the New Urban Agenda (HSP/CPR/65/9).

At the 26th session of the Governing Council (GC 26) in May 2017, UN-Habitat presented a report on the 'Review of the Outcome of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III)'; amongst other things, the report provided highlights on: the contributions of the New Urban Agenda to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, what the New Urban Agenda means for UN-Habitat, and what UN-Habitat's Focal Point role means. The report also presented the Action Framework for the Implementation of the New Urban Agenda (AFINUA) and the Implementation Facility for Sustainable Urban Development (IFSUD), both of which gained approval during the GC26, through the approved Resolution 26/8: 'Promoting the effective implementation, follow-up to and review of the New Urban Agenda'; and are both currently at advanced stages of development. In addition, the report provided examples of post Habitat III engagements, activities, events, advocacy work and new partnerships; all geared towards the implementation of the New Urban Agenda were provided.

Whilst most of the reported planned activities, events and initiatives have taken place or are ongoing; new initiatives and events geared towards the implementation of the New Urban Agenda continue to be developed and new partnerships continue to evolve as UN-Habitat continues to engage with partners in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and the New Urban Agenda.

The report before you is an update to the previous report; it provides examples of some of the new initiatives and events that occurred during and post GC26. Of particular importance is the final Habitat III UN task team meeting that was held in New York from June 12-16, 2017. The main objectives of the meeting were to:

- Evaluate the work of the United Nations Task Team for Habitat III: lessons learnt
- Review the Habitat III Issue Papers thematic areas within the framework of the New Urban Agenda: update on key drivers for action and identification of future/existing platforms and projects
- Develop Expected accomplishments per area within the United Nations system action framework in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda
- Identify priorities for action and potential collaboration within the United Nations system on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda; and
- Develop a roadmap on key activities for 2017-2018, to follow-up on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda

The meeting allowed UN-Habitat to start articulating its role as a focal point for sustainable urbanization and human settlements, including in the implementation, follow-up to and review of the New Urban Agenda, in collaboration with other United Nations system entities, as the Habitat III Secretariat is wrapping up. The meeting was well attended and came up with four agreed main areas for increased coherent and integrated engagement; and concluded with agreed 'way forward'.

Mr. Chairman, I would like to reiterate the commitment of UN-Habitat to continue to enhance its preparedness for the implementation, monitoring and reporting on the implementation, of the New Urban Agenda and for discharging other roles it acquired as a result of the New Urban Agenda; even as we await the outcome of the on-going independent assessment of UN-Habitat as requested in the New Urban Agenda, with optimistic expectations.

I thank you for your attention.