

STATEMENT BY THE AMBASSADOR OF GERMANY
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- Mister Chairman, distinguished delegates, Executive Director and representatives of UN-Habitat Secretariat, observers, ladies and gentlemen,
- I would like to align myself with the statement given on behalf of the EU.
- On behalf of Germany, I also wish to congratulate you on the adoption of the New Urban Agenda, which will contribute to maintaining sustainable urban development high up on the political agenda for the years to come.
- In this context, I would like to thank the ED for the detailed briefing on the Habitat III conference. However, one information missing is the attendance of Member states, and the level of attendance, also concerning the attendance of official delegations. We would be grateful if you could share statistics on this issues with the CPR.
- Regarding point 2.4 and point 2.7 of the ED's briefing (p.4), which outlines events hosted on World Habitat Day and World Cities Day, I would like to flag that we welcome the events hosted around the world; however, we noted with regret that no events, exhibitions or the like were hosted in Nairobi, the UN Habitat Headquarters, on those days. We would welcome if in the future, UN Habitat could increase the visibility of these days in Nairobi as well. In our view, this is an important part of UN Habitat's outreach activities.
- Regarding Point 3 of the ED's briefing (p. 5), Germany would like to stress the need
 - o to further enhance the communication on the NUA's relevance with regards to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda
 - o to coordinate closely in all the points laid out as potential tasks with the UN system, especially with regard to the guidelines for implementation of the NUA and the monitoring of the implementation of the NUA. Close consultation and exchange with other relevant stakeholders, especially member states and local

authorities, is necessary in order to avoid duplications and to use and leverage existing approaches in an optimal way.

- Regarding point 4 (p. 6), Germany appreciates the openness of the ED that bridging finance in 2016 and 2017 is necessary for UN Habitat to be able to deliver on its mandated tasks. Given UN-Habitat's willingness to constructively work with us on the way forward, we are currently looking for ways to support UN-Habitat in the short term. In this context, we are grateful for the information that UN-Habitat has provided us with. However, as of this morning, we cannot announce new funding for UN-Habitat yet. Nevertheless, we are looking forward to continue our discussions with you and expect to be kept informed in a timely manner about all relevant developments concerning the financial situation of UN Habitat as well as measures undertaken by Management to maintain basic capacity in 2016 and 2017. We will inform you as soon as we can give you a definitive answer about a possible German contribution for UN-Habitat's 2016 core budget.
- Lastly, we would like to request an update on the preparations for WUF9 scheduled to take place less than one and a half years from now. As was agreed in previous resolutions, we are aiming for a transparent, effective and timely planning process, in which the CPR is closely involved. We are concerned as we haven't received any information in this regard, despite the fact that we have requested an update during the Subcommittee Meeting on November 4th.