

## **Egypt Delegation Remarks at the 2020 Second Session of the Executive Board:**

The funding deficit remains a key challenge. We request the UN-Habitat secretariat to prioritize the issue of attracting funds and resource mobilization in its work, as a key element to ensure the continuity of its work.

Egypt remains committed to support the work of the UN-Habitat program which despite its new governance reform of 2018/2019, needs more than ever political and financial support from member states and donor countries. The UN-Habitat structural financial deficit should be dealt with innovative financial means and solutions, through diversifying funding sources, not to be limited to member states, but instead to be extended to other international and regional organizations, the private sector and others partners. Establishing Partnerships, and clear concrete cooperation mechanisms with all partners are a must in that regard.

My delegation would like to take this opportunity to praise Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif, the Executive Director of the UN-Habitat and her team on their work for the last couple of years and their efforts in the preparation of our meetings throughout the upcoming three days. Let me as well express our gratitude and appreciation for the work of the UN-Habitat Regional Office for the Arab States (ROAS) in Cairo and the multiple programs and projects it is currently conducting, noting the difficult and challenging environment of work being experienced in many Arab Countries, some of which are still going through a transitional period. Our appreciation goes also to the UN-Habitat Egypt Country Office that has been advancing its cooperation with the Relevant Egyptian Ministries and Entities across the country to accelerate the implementation of Egypt strategic Housing policy and the New Urban Agenda. It is worth mentioning that the Egyptian Ministry of Housing, Utilities and Urban Communities is currently finalizing its report on the progress in the Implementation of the New Urban Agenda and will be submitting the new established online-platform soon.