

STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA
28 March 2023

Bismillahirrahmanirrahim. Assalamualaikum WBT and a very afternoon

Thank you Chair for giving me the floor,

**Madam Executive Director of UN-Habitat,
Excellencies and Members of the Executive Board**

First and foremost, we would like to thank and congratulate the Under Secretary and Executive Director of UN-Habitat, Madam Maimunah Mohd Sharif for her leadership and in leading the works of UN-Habitat successfully.

Malaysia would like to align itself to the intervention made by Pakistan, as the Chair of G77 and China.

Mr Chair,

Malaysia would like to echo other Member States in congratulating the Executive Director and the Secretariat for achieving surplus in the financial year 2022 after more than a decade, and return the trust of Member States towards UN-Habitat. In order to continuously support the work of UN-Habitat, the Government of Malaysia has agreed to make annual non-earmarked contribution starting from 2023, instead of one-off payment as what Malaysia did in 2018 and 2022. Malaysia encourages other Member States to take the same step to consistently contribute to UN-Habitat so as to empower and ensure consistent supports towards UN-Habitat financial needs. Malaysia also urges the Secretariat to maintain the achievement and ensure prudence in the process.

Malaysia would like to align itself to the intervention by Egypt in supporting the Executive Director full second term in ensuring the successful implementation of New Urban Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals. As currently there are only 26 reports submitted by Member States in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, Malaysia encourages other Member States to contribute to the work of UN-Habitat and for the Secretariat to reach out to the Member States in ensuring the success of the implementation of the New Urban Agenda.