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and Habitat of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Mr.  
Ildemaro Villarroel.**

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*Mr. president, thank you very much for giving me the floor,*

*Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Executive Director of UN-Habitat*

*Your Excellencies,*

*Distinguished delegates.*

*Ladies and Gentlemen:*

1. It is an honor for me to address this Second United Nations Habitat Assembly on behalf of the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, which allows us to continue getting to know each other and learning permanently from the encounter in diversity, especially in order to address common issues of humanity and its ecosystem.
2. For this, it has been necessary, among the free people, great efforts of learning, respect, and appreciation for multilateralism, as a way to create innovative solutions and solve our problems with justice and equality.
3. **We aim to achieve consensus in order to deepen and accelerate the construction of a sustainable urban future based on inclusive and effective multilateralism, towards the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the 2030 Agenda. Our democratic government affirms its environmentalist, humanist, and integrationist conviction. For this reason, it is necessary to understand the negative effects of the Climate Crisis as a matter of all humanity, whose solution lies in contributing actions and resources directly proportional to its responsibility in the causes and receiving according to its affectation and vulnerability.**



4. Venezuela has faced the greatest escalation in the **more than 900** arbitrary and unilateral coercive measures maintained by imperialist governments against our people in violation of paragraph 84 of the New Urban Agenda approved by this body, causing negative effects and great damage to the Venezuelan population, restricting investment in systems of mitigation and adaptation to climate change, affecting compliance with the SDGs and putting at risk vital areas associated with human and environmental rights.
5. We count on the important support of UN Habitat and this honorable assembly to overcome this situation in favor of leaving no one and no place behind.
6. The Venezuelan State has suffered emblematic events as a result of climate change, which have induced the development of capacities to establish systemic methods of **effective and efficient** response to the basic needs of affected families in a comprehensive manner, mitigating the residual effects in the area of impact and clearing areas of risk and vulnerability, based on multilevel work that includes grassroots organizations, promoted and governed by our legal framework. Our guiding principle is to understand adequate and safe **housing as a social right rather than a commodity**, in accordance with the human rights guarantee program established by this organization. We have benefited more than 4.5 million families with decent housing. We will be exhibiting these experiences at our stand.



7. Climate change, more than a cause, is a consequence that calls us to rethink the current mode of consumption, production and population towards more ecological considerations that increase our capacity for adaptation and mitigation.

**Mr, President,**

8. Venezuela continues in resistance and solidarity, an experience that promotes reasons for hope, the belief that tomorrow will be a better world, and invites us to help together to be make more humane humanity.

**Thank you.**