



**BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA**

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**Third session of 2023 of the Executive Board of the  
United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-  
HABITAT)**

**Topic 1: Opening of the session.**

Nairobi, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

*H.E. Mr. Silvio Albuquerque, President of the Bureau of the Executive Board of UN-Habitat and Ambassador of the Federative Republic of Brazil.*

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

*Excellencies, Permanent Representatives,*

*Distinguished Delegates:*

1. On behalf of the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela allow us to express our fraternal greetings. We thank the UN-Habitat Secretariat for the preparation of the working documents and the work done in the organization of the third session of the UN-Habitat Executive Board, after reaching the successful results of the *Second United Nations Habitat Assembly*.
2. In this regard, Venezuela subscribes to the statements made by the Latin American and Caribbean Group and the G-77 + China, and at the same time wishes to express some considerations in national capacity.
3. First of all, our delegation wishes to express its special recognition for the work of H.E. Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Executive Director of UN-Habitat at the head of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for the past six years, now that her term of office finishes next January 2024.
4. In this regard, we especially highlight the support of the Executive Director of the program to the developing countries of the global South, and we are grateful for her strong support and recognition of *the "Gran Misión Vivienda Venezuela"*, a program developed by the Bolivarian Government of Venezuela within the framework of the *"New Urban Agenda"*.

5. Therefore, our country has supported the initiative presented to the Secretary General of the United Nations to evaluate the requests made by the three main regional groups within the UN: Africa, Asia-Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean and the Group of 77+China to consider extending the mandate of the current Executive Director of UN-Habitat.

**Mr. President,**

6. The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela attaches great importance to the work carried out by UN-Habitat in supporting Member States to promote the development of socially and environmentally sustainable human settlements, in order to provide the right to adequate housing for all in the implementation of the *New Urban Agenda* with the aim of achieving the *Sustainable Development Goals*.
7. *We are pleased to note that the program has reversed the financial deficits of previous years, which has allowed us to strengthen cooperation and support for projects in the countries of the South, especially focused on understanding habitat and adequate and safe housing, more as a social right than as a commodity.*
8. Venezuela looks forward to the third session of the UN-Habitat Executive Board achieving results with a comprehensive approach to urbanization and habitat that go beyond technical considerations and promote new sustainable social models that are truly people-centered.
9. In this context, we will participate proactively and in a constructive spirit in the review of the work program and the substantive reports of this third session.

**Thank you.**