

THIRD SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR 2023

NIGERIA'S FINAL STATEMENT AT THE THIRD SESSION
OF 2023 OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Mr Chair, Madam ED, Members of the Executive Board,

Permit me to begin by expressing the appreciation of my delegation, to the Executive Director for the warm reception organised yesterday and congratulate you Chair, the ED and all delegations here for a successful final session of the EB for 2023.

2. My delegation is honoured and grateful for the trust you have placed in Nigeria by electing us as the co-Chair of the Adhoc Working Group on Programmatic, Budgetary and Administrative matters. We accept this responsibility with a profound sense of commitment to UN-Habitat and its core mandate which remains a major succor for the teeming dwellers of the wide diversity of human settlements across our beautiful but challenged world.

3. Nigeria remains proud to be part of UN-Habitat's success over the years as we have continued to emphasise and contribute to constructive deliberations across the board. We have all recently benefitted from such constructive actions during the sessions of the governing bodies and most recently the second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly with its robust outcomes.

Mr Chair,

4. We recognize the significant role of the Ad-hoc Working Group on Programmatic, Budgetary and Administrative matters in enabling constructive engagement and contributing to steering this organization, we commit to hold this responsibility with diligence, transparency, and a clear conviction of the broader impact our decisions can have on the lives and livelihoods of those we serve. I am confident that, together, we

can build on the strong pedigree of our organisation and sustain its elevation unto new heights.

5. We commend the outcomes of this session of the Executive Board, in keeping with the Nairobi spirit of consensus and effective multilateralism We acknowledge decision to allow the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the Sustainable Human Settlements Foundation and we look forward to further engaging with member states, especially to ensure that this foundation, even if baptized with a new name, remains solely and clearly linked to the UN-Habitat and its programmes.

6. We further commend the clarification on the four new positions linked to the New Urban agenda and we would be closely following the progress in this regard.

7. Finally, we wish to congratulate, once more, the Executive Director, an In-Law Nigeria is proud of, for her remarkable strides and a very successful tenure and we wish her the best in the future.

Thank you.