THIRD SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR 2023

NIGERIA'S STATEMENT ON AGENDA ITEM 8: NORMATIVE AND

OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF UN-HABITAT, INCLUDING

REPORTING ON THE PROGRAMMATIC ACTIVITIES OF UN- HABITAT IN 2023 AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SUBPROGRAMMES, FLAGSHIP PROGRAMMES AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES

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Thank you Chair,

Nigeria wishes to thank the Secretariat and takes note of this general briefing on UN-Habitat activities during the period January–June 2023.

2. In this year 2023, Nigeria has increased annual contribution of \$170,000 to \$250,000 to the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat. This contribution will accommodate an increase in programmes and activities of the Habitat Support Office in Abuja, as well as our annual national contribution to the Africa Urban Agenda.

3. Moreover, the administration of H.E. President Bola Ahmed Tinubu has reinforced the national focus on urbanization by creating the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development in an attempt to enhance visibility actions with respect to housing and and urban development. In furtherance of this, about USD 50million has been earmarked towards urbanization and the upgrading of informal settlements across over 26 locations, including 4 in each geo-political zone and 2 in the Federal Capital Territory administrative regions of Nigeria and we continue to count on the partnership of UN-Habitat in the execution of urban projects and programmes.

I thank you.