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## Statement of the Kingdom of Morocco on Agenda item 3: Reports by the chairs of the ad hoc working groups established by the Executive Board

## Thank you Mr Chair,

- On behalf of my delegation, allow me Chair to Congratulate you and through you Nigeria for assuming the chairmanship of the Executive Board. You can count on the full support of the Kingdom of Morocco and wish you all the success in this first session. Our thanks go also to Brazil, the previous Chair of the Executive Board for the good work done during its tenure.
- Let me also thank and commend the acting Executive Director and his team for the good preparations and organisation of this session and for the availability of the reports and working documents that are under our consideration.
- The Kingdom of Morocco welcomes both the reports by the Chairs of the working groups on public, Budgetary and Administrative matters, and on the development of a stakeholder's engagement policy:
  - ✓ On the PBA report, Morocco would like to support the discussions that took place during the working group meetings held in March and April, and which will certainly contribute to reaching consensus on the draft decisions under consideration;
  - ✓ On the Stakeholders engagement policy, Morocco welcomes the approach followed by the Chair in engaging many bilateral consultations to understand positions of concerned delegations on the different provisions in the draft, particularly those related to the accreditation and participation of stakeholders.
  - ✓ Morocco seizes this opportunity to encourage the Chair of the working group on Stakeholder's Engagement Policy to exert all possible efforts to reach consensus and enable approval of the draft policy during the second session of the executive board scheduled next November and its subsequent adoption at the resumed session of the UN Habitat Assembly in May 2025. Morocco will be looking forward to the leadership of Portugal on this matter and to the next discussions by members States on the draft policy that should find its foundation on the existing legal framework that governs stakeholders' engagement at the UN.