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I/ Intervention of the Kingdom of Morocco on Agenda item3: Reports by the chairs of the ad hoc working groups established by the Executive Board.

Thank you Mr Chair,

- At the outset, the Kingdom of Morocco aligns itself with the statements read by the Chairs of the Arab Group, and the G77+ China.
- On behalf of the Kingdom of Morocco, I would like to thank Mme Executive Director for her general remarks before the second session of the Executive Board, which I very much welcome;
- I would like also to thank the Chair of the ad hoc working Group on programmatic, administrative and budgetary issues for the efforts invested in steering the work of this ad hoc working group in an efficient manner including in the preparations of this second session of the executive board. We wish him all the best in his endeavours leading all the future meetings of the ad hoc working group on PBA, including the preparations of the forthcoming resumed Second session of the Habitat Assembly.
- Morocco would like also to thank the Chair of the ad hoc working group on the development of a stakeholder engagement policy for the efforts engaged in leading member States to reach consensus **on some of the contentious issues in the draft**. Morocco assures of its full support to the Chair's endeavours, and seizes this opportunity to underline the importance of reminding ourselves of the **intergovernmental nature of UN-HABITAT, the sacrosanct principle of State Sovereignty, and of the conformity with the United Nations Rules of procedures, including the rules of procedure of UNHABITAT that are governing participation of stakeholders.**
- Morocco will continue engaging with other countries in the ongoing discussions that will hopefully lead to the development of an engagement policy that is efficient and practical for the relevant stakeholders that bring an added value to the work of UN-HABITAT.

Thank you.