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V- Intervention of Morocco on Agenda item 8: Outcomes of the World Urban Forum and the Africa Urban Forum

Mr Chair,

- As the 12th session of the World Urban Forum has concluded its work last month, in Cairo, following also the organisation of the 1st session of Africa Urban Forum, in Addis Ababa, my delegation would like to congratulate both the governments of Egypt and Ethiopia, for successful organisation of these two important forums and their good outcomes.
- As for the 12th session of the WUF which has culminated with the “Cairo call for action”. My delegation believes that such outcome can be considered by the executive board, or by the ad hoc working group on PBA of UN-Habitat for a potential integration of its elements into the future strategic plan.
- Therefore, my delegation would like to seize this opportunity **to request a meeting, chaired by a member State, where Mme ED and her team can provide us with a briefing on the contents of the “Cairo Call for Action”,** which has also incorporated some of the ideas and recommendations that have resulted from the 1st Africa Urban Forum, **for instance we would like to underline the sharing of practices and solutions that were proposed to accelerate action for adequate housing and sustainable urbanization at scale as well as the call for improved financing for urban sustainability.**
- Such a meeting will be insightful to the work that we are undertaking in the process of developing the next strategic plan.
- We also hope that WUF 13 which will be hosted by Azerbaijan in Baku can build on the momentum created by WUF 12, and leverage impactful actions for sustainable cities and communities.
- Finally we support the initiative of UN HABITAT, as reflected in the report, to follow a roadmap of interconnected initiatives and activities to disseminate the outcomes of WUF 12, and my delegation would be interested to learn from Mme ED or her team, the nature of these activities and their scope that it intends to organize for this purpose, and if they are going to take place here in Nairobi or at the margin of international and regional meetings?

I thank you