

**Statement Delivered by Ethiopia at the 1<sup>st</sup> Executive Board meeting on March 26, 2025.**

**Excellency, Chair of the Executive Board,**

**Madam Executive Director,**

**Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,**

At the outset, would like to commend UN-HABITAT for the significant progress it has made in Ethiopia. I would like also to extend my appreciation for Madam Executive Director and Mr. Oumar Sylla for presenting Normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme updates on Ethiopia programmes and engagements in Ethiopia.

We highly commend initiatives in Ethiopia such as capacity-building for sustainable urban development, enhanced urban and regional planning, implementation and monitoring, developing green spaces, including through integrated urban planning and watershed management approaches, Building resilient settlements for the urban poor, developing the State of Addis Ababa reports, planning city resilience action, preparing structure plans and regional spatial development plans, and supporting solid waste management and durable solutions for displacement-affected communities.

**Mr Chair,**

We firmly confirm that the project in the process of implementation is in alignment with Ethiopia's urban development policy and 10 years national development plan.

We encourage UNHABITAT to further enhance and expand the already existing project to further strengthen which are aimed at improving the life of urban

development by creating enabling environment and ensuring the implementation of ongoing projects.

We also encourage UN-HABITAT to explore new areas on the realization of sustainable and resilient cities of initiatives and UN-HABITATs regional multi-country programs especially in migration context as the issue is cross boundary. We reassure Ethiopia's unwavering support and commitment to ensure that the ongoing and envisaged projects to ensure a grand success.

**I thank you**