



**MALAWI HIGH COMMISSION
NAIROBI**

**INTERVENTION ON AGENDA ITEM 4: REPORT OF THE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON THE FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE
UNITED NATIONS HUMAN SETTLEMENTS PROGRAMME AS
AT 28 FEBRUARY 2025**

BY

**HER EXCELLENCY
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HIGH COMMISSIONER OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALAWI**

AT

**THE 2025 FIRST SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF
THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN SETTLEMENTS PROGRAMME
(UN-HABITAT), 25 TO 27 MARCH 2025**

Madam Chair, Madam Executive Director, Excellencies and Distinguished Delegates,

The Malawi delegation aligns itself with the statements delivered by Mozambique on behalf of the African Group and Egypt on behalf of the G77 + China. We extend our appreciation to the Executive Director for the detailed and transparent financial report on the status of UN-Habitat as of 28 February 2025. The clarity in presenting the financial performance across various funding segments is commendable.

We note the continued reliance on voluntary contributions, particularly for the Foundation non-earmarked and technical cooperation funds. However, we are concerned about the reported deficit of \$14.1 million in the Foundation earmarked fund, which results from the utilization of project resources carried over from 2023. In this regard, we seek clarification on the measures in place to address this deficit and ensure future project funding remains stable and predictable, particularly for least-developed countries like Malawi.

Additionally, we request further insights into the projected financial outlook for core funds and the potential impact on programme implementation, especially in Africa. We would also appreciate elaboration on the strategies being employed to enhance resource mobilization and broaden the donor base to strengthen UN-Habitat's financial sustainability.

As I conclude, Malawi remains committed to supporting UN-Habitat's vital work in promoting sustainable urban development. We reiterate the importance of predictable and adequate funding to enable the organization to effectively deliver on its mandate. We look forward to your response.

Thank you, Chair.