

STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA

Thank you, Mr. Chair,

Madam Executive Director, Excellencies, and Distinguished Delegates

Malaysia delegation aligns with the statements delivered by State of Palestine on behalf of Asia Pacific Group.

Malaysia would like to express its deep appreciation for the important work that UN-Habitat and its efforts in promoting sustainable urbanisation development.

Malaysia appreciates the **Draft Work Programme of UN-Habitat for 2026**, outlining the agency's strategic plans, objectives, and actions related to sustainable urban development.

Malaysia through the Ministry of Housing and Local Government remain committed to support and implement the 2030 New Urban Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Malaysia reaffirms its commitment to contribute towards the development of the Asia Pacific region, among others, through UN-Habitat initiatives of Urban Agenda Platform. Malaysia will continue its support for the yearly earmarked contribution of USD 200,000 for the implementation of Urban Agenda Platform for the Asia Pacific regions.

Malaysia believes that stronger cooperation and integration is necessary to drive collective action that will allow for greater achievement of development goals. On that note, Malaysia as Chair of ASEAN 2025, stands ready to work together with UN-Habitat to advance New Urban Agenda.

As a rapidly urbanising country with advanced infrastructure and strong economic growth, Malaysia can play a significant role in advancing the proposed programmes particularly in **New Urban Agenda**.

In **Leadership in Sustainable Urban Development**, Malaysia can **leverage its experience** in planned urbanisation for example Putrajaya

and Iskandar Malaysia to offer **best practices** for other developing nations.

On **Climate Action & Green Cities**, Malaysia has committed to **reducing greenhouse gas emissions** and can support the New Urban Agenda by expanding **green infrastructure, energy-efficient buildings, and nature-based solutions**, for example mangrove restoration for coastal cities.

On **Affordable Housing & Urban Inclusivity**, Malaysia's **People Residency Programme (PPR)** and **PR1MA Housing Programme** and public-private partnerships in affordable housing that can be shared as a model for addressing global **housing shortages**.

On **Urban Technology & Digital Innovation**, Malaysia supports the **digital inclusion** programmes to bridge **urban-rural connectivity gaps** aligns with UN-Habitat's goal of using technology for equitable urban development.

Lastly on **Regional and Global Urban Policy Leadership**, Malaysia as **the Chair of ASEAN, focusing on inclusivity and sustainability**, can advocate for the adoption of sustainable urban planning practices among ASEAN member states, aligning with priorities of the New Urban Agenda. This will entail greater efforts at narrowing the development gap and inequalities, improving living standards, while mitigating the impacts of climate change.

Thank you Chair.

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