

**Statement on Agenda Item 6
by the Russian Federation**

Your Excellency Chair,

Your Excellency Madam Executive Director,

Distinguished Delegates, Colleagues,

It is my honor to commend the draft Strategic Plan 2026–2029 of UN-Habitat - an ambitious and well-calibrated response to the pressing urban challenges. This document is rooted in the New Urban Agenda, and guided by the call for strategic coherence across the UN development system.

The Plan's strategic focus - ensuring access to adequate housing, land, and basic services for all, particularly through the transformation of informal settlements - is both visionary and pragmatic. It addresses not only the housing crisis globally but also connects urban development to poverty eradication, climate resilience, and social inclusion.

Let me take this moment to highlight the outstanding effort of the UN-Habitat Secretariat under the leadership of the Executive Director. The level of consultation and responsiveness demonstrated throughout this process is exemplary.

Let me also take this opportunity to emphasize a necessity to complement the draft with the language concerning the issue of the road safety which is of the critical importance.

We propose to include the following or similar language in the draft Strategic Plan:

"Ensuring road safety is an integral part of sustainable urban development, in alignment with the Global Plan for the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2021–2030, safe, affordable, accessible, and sustainable transport solutions, including non-motorized mobility, should be prioritized in urban planning, as highlighted in the New Urban Agenda.

This addition is rooted in multiple resolutions of the United Nations General

Assembly, including the resolution 78/290, which calls upon Member States to accelerate and scale up efforts to implement the Global Plan for the Decade of Action for Road Safety. The New Urban Agenda and the mentioned resolution emphasize that road safety must be embedded in urban development strategies, not just transport policies.

We propose to insert this language in the section called «Integrated urban and territorial planning, management, investment and finance», after paragraph 52 to ensure that the road safety is not an isolated consideration, but a part of sustainable urban development. Placing the road safety language after paragraph 52 ensures that it is framed as an aspect of urban infrastructure and planning, rather than a separate issue under financing or enforcement.

We urge you to support our proposal.

Thank you.