

**Draft statement to be delivered by Ambassador Mahi Boumediene,  
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**Chair,**

**Madam Executive Director,**

**Excellencies and distinguished delegates,**

At the outset, Algeria aligns itself with the statements delivered by Egypt on behalf of the G77 and China, Mozambique on behalf of the African Group, and Palestine on behalf of the Arab States.

**Mr. Chair,**

We wish to express our sincere appreciation for your effective leadership of the Committee of Permanent Representatives during your tenure. We also extend our gratitude to Madam Executive Director and her team for their dedicated efforts in preparing the current OECPR and the resumed second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly to be held in the coming days.

**Mr. Chair,**

Algeria would like to offer the following remarks and proposals on the key issues on the agenda of our meeting:

**1) The Executive Director's report on the progress made in implementing the New Urban Agenda, including the preparation of the 2026 quadrennial report of the Secretary-General.**

- Algeria takes note of the report and welcomes the publication of the revised guidelines for reporting on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, which will support Member States and stakeholders in monitoring and evaluating progress.
- We commend the emphasis on strengthening monitoring, reporting, capacity-building, and advocacy ahead of the 2026 report, and encourage UN-Habitat to deepen its engagement with Member States to ensure sustained support for effective implementation.
- We also call for a reinforced role for UN-Habitat in the African Urban Forum to foster synergies between Africa's Agenda 2063 and the New Urban Agenda, helping African countries address urban challenges while remaining aligned with global commitments.

**2) The Executive Director's report on implementing UN-Habitat Assembly resolutions through the Strategic Plan 2026–2029**

- Algeria welcomes the continued focus on access to adequate housing, land, and basic services, particularly in line with Resolutions 2/2 and 2/7, aimed at transforming informal settlements and ensuring adequate housing for all by 2030.
- We appreciate the alignment of the five strategic outcomes with the mandates of the Assembly's resolutions and the efforts made to strengthen

their implementation in the upcoming Strategic Plan. However, we remain deeply concerned by the 52% funding gap and urge UN-Habitat to intensify resource mobilization and ensure fair and balanced allocation across all resolutions.

- Algeria commends the key achievements of the 2020–2025 Strategic Plan, particularly in reducing spatial inequality and poverty, and in improving access to land, affordable housing, and basic services. We strongly encourage the 2026–2029 Plan to build on this progress and generate even greater impact, especially at the national level.
- To this end, UN-Habitat should deepen its collaboration with regional and national offices to more effectively support governments in addressing urban crises, in line with the New Urban Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals.
- To ensure universal support, the Strategic Plan should avoid introducing controversial or non-consensual language that may hinder implementation. Relying on agreed SDG terminology will strengthen regional relevance and promote national ownership.

### **In conclusion,**

Algeria underscores the crucial importance of adopting the Strategic Plan 2026–2029, which constitutes the legal framework guiding the work of UN-Habitat in the years ahead. Its adoption will ensure the organization operates with clarity, coherence, and continuity in fulfilling its mandate. We therefore encourage all Member States to remain fully committed to the core mission of UN-Habitat and to refrain from introducing divisive issues or non-consensual concepts into our discussions. This forum is not a space for political confrontation, but a platform to advance our shared goals of sustainable urban development. By maintaining unity and focusing on agreed priorities, we can enable UN-Habitat to deliver effectively and equitably across all regions in the coming years.

### **3) On the Stakeholder Engagement Policy**

- Algeria reaffirms the importance of aligning the policy with established UN practices on stakeholder accreditation. We firmly reject any attempt to introduce procedures outside the UN framework or to infringe upon the national sovereignty of States, which must remain the foundation of this process. We take this opportunity to sincerely thank the Chair of the Group on the Development of the Policy, the Deputy Permanent Representative of Portugal, for his commendable efforts in building consensus and guiding this important process.
- After eight years of inclusive and constructive consultations, we acknowledge the substantial progress achieved and reaffirm our full commitment to finalizing the Stakeholder Engagement Policy for its possible adoption during the upcoming resumed session of the UN-Habitat Assembly. In this spirit, we call on all Member States to refrain from politicizing UN-Habitat's work or diverting from its technical mandate, so as to preserve the integrity and effectiveness of the organization.

**Finally, Mr. Chair,**

Algeria remains fully committed to engaging in a constructive spirit to ensure the success of these two important meetings and to support UN-Habitat in advancing sustainable urbanization.