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Honorable President of the Habitat Assembly, Madame Executive Director, Co-Chairs of OEWG
Excellences, Distinguished Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to join others in expressing gratitude to the Executive Director, her team, to the UN Habitat CPR and Assembly Bureaus, OEWG Co-Chairs for all their work to prepare the second resumed of the Habitat Assembly including convening this important high-level dialogue with a focus on the UN-Habitat strategic plan for the period 2026-2029, which addresses global challenges through three impact areas: inclusive prosperity for poverty reduction; preparedness, response, recovery and reconstruction; and environment and climate action.

Sustainable urban development is one of the main priorities of Armenia. The current Action Plan of the Government envisages set of actions and measures towards overcoming of the existing disproportions in terms of territorial development, formation of a favorable environment for investments, creation of jobs, access for all groups of society to social and engineering infrastructures, preservation of historical-cultural heritage and elimination of the negative impact of urban development activities on the environment.

Armenia's Government through various initiatives address housing for lower-income households, focusing on building, renovating, and providing affordable housing options. "Habitat for Humanity Armenia" NGO, for instance, partners with low-income families to construct or renovate homes, often through affordable mortgages. Last year my Government approved the State Assistance Program for Housing, aimed at providing necessary long-term living conditions for the refugees from Nagorno-Karabakh, which includes mortgage assistance and housing purchase certificates for families forcibly displaced from Nagorno-Karabakh. We focus on the most vulnerable groups of society in our urban development policies.

The Government is actively working to promote and develop smart solutions for urban and rural communities, especially giving the climate and environmental vulnerability of Armenia. As the construction sector in Armenia is the second largest GHG polluter, the Government, with the support of development partners is taking necessary measures to address this issue, by increasing the energy efficiency of the public and residential buildings, through programmatic cooperation with the UNDP.

As the next host of the United Nations Biodiversity Conference COP17 Armenia pays special attention to the sustainable and green urban development. This issue stands high on our agenda and we look forward to actively work with all our partners to find sustainable solutions to eliminate the biodiversity conservation and urban development conflict.

To conclude, Armenia reiterates its commitment to international cooperation in achieving a better urban future including the implementation and acceleration of the delivery of SDG 11, and looks forward to contributing to the Intergovernmental Working Group on Adequate Housing facilitated by Kenya and France.

Thank you!