

OECPR AGENDA ITEM 6

Chair

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Excellencies present

Nigeria aligns itself with the earlier statement of the Chair of the African Group on UN-Habitat Strategic Plan 2026-2029. We appreciate and welcome the presentation of Madam ED. Madam ED we have the confidence that your past success stories motivated your appointment and we are optimistic that your brilliance will be reflected in a successful UN-Habitat. We understand the importance of the plan and we appreciate the will of member-states to constructively exercise flexibility to ensure the conclusion on a generally acceptable text and plan.

That said, we wish to underline the fact that the issues still being debated on are not the core of the draft or the plan (issues that are suggestive of matters related to LGBTQ, SEXES other than male or female) rather than (the matter on affordable and adequate housing which we all agree is fundamental to the essence of UN-Habitat).

We support the focus of UN-Habitat on the need of the African Region in areas of capacity building, Urban-Rural continuum, land and financial mobilization to better enable sustainable and Urban resilience.

My delegation is willing to engage constructively within its mandate and in favor of the current reference to SDG 5 in order to settle the debated matter on gender in the draft to ensure that the draft meets the expected timely approval.

Finally, my delegation encourages UN-Habitat to leverage its capacities to manage and improve on existing initiatives and mechanisms for resource mobilization aligned to Member States' needs (with a reasonable and favorable focus in the African region) and priorities deepening donor engagement while also scaling up partnerships with international financial institutions to leverage resources and expertise.

Thank you.