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Statement of the Kingdom of Morocco on agenda item 5:

Progress in the implementation of the decisions and resolutions adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly at its adjourned second session.

Thank you, Mr Chair,

First of all, I would like to express my country's alignment with the statements made by Mozambique on behalf of the Africa Group, Egypt on behalf of the G77+China, and Palestine on behalf of the Arab Group.

Second, I would like to thank you Mme Executive Director and your team, on behalf of the Kingdom of Morocco for the report under consideration. Morocco, highly values that the report has reflected clearly the links between the draft strategic plan for 2026-2029, its strategic focus and outcomes with UNHABITAT resolutions. **This alignment is of critical importance to advance the delivery of the programme's mandate.**

Mr Chair,

Morocco considers that UN-HABITAT has made notable strides in implementing these resolutions, as reflected in the presentation just made by the secretariat, and Morocco welcomes the work that has been done and the progress achieved so far. **However, Morocco also notes with concern the several persisting challenges that hinder full realization of the goals enshrined in these resolutions,**

The main challenges are related to **funding gaps**, but also to insufficient national reporting. For instance, on the reporting of the New Urban Agenda, **only 42 national reports have been submitted so far, out of 193 countries.**

The tracker has established that the total funding gap is 52% which doesn't allow for the full implementation of UNHABITAT resolutions.

Resolution 2/10, which was presented by the African Group, has, in addition to the tracker, brought an **innovative mechanism**, and a useful and practical tool, meant to bring a solution to address the problem of unfunded resolutions, **however it remains unclear on why this funding window is still empty.** The mere indication of this fact in the report is not sufficient.

Therefore, my delegation would like to ask the secretariat if it can inform this Committee on the measures taken to engage donors **to reallocate the unspent earmarked funds to feed the funding window created by the resolution?**

Can the secretariat inform this committee, also, on the way forward for the implementation of this particular resolution, that was adopted by consensus, and therefore has gained the full support of the Assembly?

Mr Chair,

The contributions of donors are crucial to UNHABITAT work, and we are so grateful to all donors, from countries and other stakeholders, for supporting financially the programmes, technical cooperation and operational activities of UNHABITAT.

My country believes that a **high level engagement** of UNHABITAT, a personal engagement from you Mme ED and your Deputy, **will succeed in getting donors agreement to fill up that funding window, and allow for full implementation of UNHABITAT resolutions** which are aligned with the SP priorities, from housing and slum upgrading to climate resilience and urban governance.

I Thank you.