

Explanation of the Position of the Islamic Republic of Iran
Resumed Second Session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly in
Nairobi – Kenya,
On the “Draft Strategic Plan” 2026-2029

I have taken the floor on the agenda Item 7 titled **“Strategic Plan 2026-2029”**

The Islamic Republic of Iran actively and constructively participated in the consultations and negotiations of the “draft Strategic Plan 2026-2029”, recognizing it as a crucial platform to address the world's urgent challenges and needs for tackling urbanization and infrastructure challenges, and improving urban crises prevention and response and reaching urban development, with a focus on strengthening the UN-Habitat, multilateralism, international cooperation, and solidarity.

This delegation, in spirit of compromise has joined the consensus on the “Strategic Plan 2026-2029”, However since the concerns of this delegation have not been captured in the text of the strategic plan, this delegation express its serious concern for insertion of any non-agreed and irrelevant languages which goes beyond the scope and mandate of the UN-Habitat such as politicized concepts of human rights, gender except referring to men and women and also references to “the Pact for Future”. This delegation believes that “Human Rights” issues should be discussed and addressed in its relevant forums and settings of the United Nations in Geneva and New York, and UN-Habitat shall remain focused on its technical works and not encroaching beyond its mandate. In addition to the above, this delegation also wishes to reemphasis on the

reservations of the Islamic Republic of Iran on the document titled Transforming Our World: 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development including on SDG5 as well as on the document titled: the Pact for Future and its annexes: the digital Compact and Declaration on Future Generations.

The Islamic Republic of Iran is not committed, at all, to those parts and elements of the above-mentioned documents which are in one way or another in contradiction with the laws and policies of the Islamic Republic of Iran, as well as Islamic cultural and religious norms, ethical and moral values of the Iranian society. Moreover, in all domestic issues, national upper-handed instruments, plans, programs, and strategies shall enjoy total priority and will be considered as the sole and final source of action and reference.

In addition to the above this delegation believes that the above-mentioned documents have overlooked the negative impact of the imposition of unilateral coercive measures (UCMs), external illegal and illegitimate sanctions, and other restrictive measures that are against sovereign equality of States, international law, fundamental principles of Human Rights as well as international cooperation and solidarity. The Strategic Plan falls short of effective provisions, actions, and mechanisms to explore and eliminate these obstacles, which severely affect the full achievement of economic and social development and the realization of human rights, including the right to life, health, and development, particularly in developing countries.

I would request that this Explanation of the Position to be recorded as the official documents of the Meeting.