

Thank you, Madam Chair,

and I would like to commend the effort made for preparing this paper on the proposed recommendations on social housing.

From our side, we would like to offer a few reflections:

First, we note the reference to Egypt and Morocco as examples of state-led social housing. We wish to highlight that, in recent years, Egypt has established a sustainable and institutional framework through the Social Housing, combining public finance and energy-efficient building standards. This has enabled millions of low-income households to access affordable housing with integrated infrastructure and social services.

Second, we strongly support the call for well-located and serviced housing. Our own national programmes have shown that proximity to transport, schools, and health facilities is essential for social integration and economic inclusion.

Third, we believe the link between social housing and climate resilience should be further strengthened. And we have the COP27 SURGe Initiative as a great example for this.

Finally, we would suggest that the document include:

- A stronger reference to a triangular cooperation to share lessons among countries facing similar challenges;*
- Greater emphasis on regional/international financial institutions, and*
- A recognition that data and housing observatories are essential for evidence-based policymaking and accountability, taking into account the national sovereignty of each country. Thank you.*

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