

*Thank you, Madam Chair.*

*We welcome the report of the ED and commend the UN-Habitat for advancing the Platform as an important tool for knowledge-sharing and accountability on SDG 11.*

*From Egypt's perspective, we believe the Platform can be most effective if it ensures national ownership, regional balance, and multilingual accessibility, as cited in para 10. I hope we could have a clear commitment and a funded plan for a truly multilingual platform, starting with all UN official languages.*

*Data uploaded should be based on nationally validated sources, reflecting diverse housing realities rather than a one-size-fits-all approach. The idea is not to repeat what we had with other UN platforms.*

*We also encourage the inclusion of regional knowledge hubs in Africa and the Middle-East, and we stand ready to contribute Egypt's experience, including our smart-city and affordable-housing programmes, as practical examples.*

*Finally, we recommend that the development of the Platform will be carried out in full respect of national policy space and circumstances.*

*Thank you.*