

Statement on Behalf of the Federal Republic of Somalia - To the UN-Habitat Intergovernmental Expert Working Groups (IEGWG)

On behalf of the Federal Republic of Somalia, I wish to extend our sincere appreciation for the nomination and endorsement by the African Member States for Somalia to serve as Co-Chair of the Open-Ended Intergovernmental Expert Working Group For Adequate Housing.

We also wish to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to the outgoing Co-Chairs, to the Executive Director of UN Habitat and to the Secretariat for Their tireless and altruistic efforts in steering this important dialogue.

We also thank all Delegations and Partners for Their Active and Constructive Engagement throughout this session.

For Somalia, the engagement in the Open-Ended Intergovernmental Experts for Adequate Housing for All is particularly significant milestone. It provides a valuable opportunity to share experiences and learn from others, working together to identify practical and inclusive solutions to the common housing challenges we face – from informality to affordability to urban growth and climate resilience.

Throughout this platform can strengthen cooperation, mutual learning and our collective commitment to the right to adequate housing for all.

It is a great honor for Somalia to assume this pivotal role, which seeks to advance global dialogue and cooperation on improving informal settlements, strengthening land tenure rights, enhancing housing finance mechanisms, and promoting sound land management practices. We recognize the significance of this platform in fostering collaboration and sharing knowledge that drives inclusive, sustainable, and resilient urban development worldwide.

Somalia reaffirms its commitment to actively contribute to, and benefit from, the deliberations of this esteemed Working Group, particularly on key themes such as sustainable investment, urban resilience, housing finance, and innovation within the land and housing sectors.

To ensure that Somalia's perspectives and experiences are effectively represented, we are fully dedicated to co-chairing the meetings, engaging closely with the expert working groups, and strengthening intergovernmental coordination mechanisms that support the realization of adequate, affordable, and inclusive housing for all.

The open-ended Working Groups provides a unique form to advance a shared vision of adequate housing-through dialogue, evidence and the progressive endorsement of practical recommendations.

Looking ahead we are committed to guiding this process in an inclusive, transparent and action oriented manner. We count on your continued participation and partnership as we prepare the next steps of the roadmap towards the 2029 UN Habitat Assembly.

We look forward to working collaboratively with UN-Habitat, Member States, and all partners in advancing the global agenda for sustainable human settlements and housing.

Thank You