



Statement by the Zambian Representative at the Third Session of the Executive Board of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) Nairobi, 25–26 November 2025

Chairperson, Distinguished Members of the Executive Board, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Zambia, I wish to express our gratitude to the Executive Board and the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for convening this important session. We commend the efforts of the Executive Director and the Secretariat in advancing the mandate of UN-Habitat and addressing the critical challenges facing human settlements globally.

We welcome the approval of the monitoring framework for the Strategic Plan 2026–2029 and look forward to the presentation of baseline values and targets for all indicators during the first session of the Executive Board in 2026. This will be instrumental in tracking progress and ensuring accountability in the implementation of the plan.

Zambia acknowledges the importance of innovative resource mobilization for the successful implementation of the Strategic Plan. We echo the call for Member States to contribute to the core financial resources of UN-Habitat and support efforts to strengthen non-earmarked funding within the framework of enhanced resource mobilisation. We believe that sustainable financing is critical to achieving the ambitious goals set forth in the Strategic Plan.

Chairperson, Zambia is committed to working collaboratively with UN-Habitat and other Member States to address the pressing issues of urbanization, housing, and sustainable development. We reaffirm our dedication to the principles of inclusivity, resilience, and sustainability in our development policies and practices.

Thank you.