

Statement by the Delegation of the United Republic of Tanzania

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Chairperson, Executive Director, Distinguished Members of the Board,

Tanzania aligns itself with the statement delivered on behalf of the African Group and wishes to make the following remarks in its national capacity.

At the outset, we commend the Executive Director for the comprehensive reporting on the financial and staffing status of UN-Habitat. Tanzania remains a steadfast supporter of UN-Habitat's mandate to promote socially and environmentally sustainable towns and cities.

Financial Contributions and Commitment

Tanzania is pleased to highlight its consistent and growing financial commitment to the Programme.

In recognition of UN-HABITAT's important work in urban development, **the Government of Tanzania has increased and remitted its voluntary contribution of USD 100,000 (one hundred thousand) to the Foundation non-earmarked fund for the year 2026.**

In addition, the Government **has further made a contribution of USD 50,000 (Fifty thousand)**, honoring its commitment and obligations under the Memorandum of Understanding with the UN-HABITAT regarding the operations of a UN-HABITAT Office that is expected to be established in few days to come.

Tanzania has further increased its annual contribution for the 2026 fiscal year to **\$104,500**. This increase, though modest in absolute terms, is a significant signal of our commitment to ensuring the solvency and stability of the Foundation non-earmarked fund. We recognize that these core resources are the "backbone" of the organization, enabling the implementation of the Strategic Plan and the delivery of vital normative work. We wish to encourage other Member States to support UNHABITAT in providing predictable and flexible funding to help UN-Habitat move beyond its historical liquidity challenges.

Staffing and Geographical Representation

Turning to administrative matters, Tanzania takes note of the staffing report as of 31 December 2025. We observe that while the organization is making strides toward gender parity and regional diversity, there is still significant room for improvement regarding equitable geographical distribution.

We note with interest that Tanzania currently has **one (1) staff member** serving at the P-4 level within the Professional category. While we appreciate this representation, we emphasize the need for UN-Habitat to intensify its outreach activities to enlarge the pool of candidates from underrepresented and unrepresented countries. We support the Executive Director's instructions to hiring managers to prioritize geographical diversity in recruitment and look forward to seeing more Tanzanian professionals contributing their expertise to this global mission.

Conclusion

In conclusion, Tanzania remains committed to a "fit-for-purpose" UN-Habitat. Our increased financial contribution is a testament to our belief that urban sustainability is central to the 2030 Agenda. We look forward to continued collaboration to ensure that "no one and no place is left behind."

Thank you, Chairperson.