

**STATEMENT OF THE AMBASSADOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA IN NAIROBI /
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Madam Co-Chairs H.E. Ms. Maria de los Angeles Duarte and H.E. Ms. Maryse Gautier,
His Excellency Dr. Joan Clos, Secretary General of the Conference,
Distinguished Ministers and Head of Delegations,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Allow me at the outset to start by congratulating H.E. Ms. Maria Duarte of Ekuador as the new Co-Chairs of the Bureau and our highest commendations also go to the French Co-Chairs. Under your leadership and that of the bureau, we are looking forward to fruitful discussions in the lead up to the Habitat III conference.

Madam Co-Chairs
Distinguished delegates,

My delegation would like to convey appreciation to the Secretary General of the Conference and the Secretariat for the preparation of Habitat III.

19 years after the adoption of the Istanbul Declaration and the Habitat Agenda, international community is still grappling with major urban challenges and opportunities. Although significant progress has been made towards attaining the goals of the Habitat Agenda, however, there have also been setbacks and problems. Habitat III Conference will be one of the first major goal conference to be held after adoption of the post-2015 development agenda that will give us the opportunity to develop a shared perspective on human settlement and sustainable urban development, including on challenges and

opportunities that urbanization offers for the implementation of the sustainable development goals.

Indonesia is of the view that sustainable urban development and human settlement require transformative policies at multiple levels of governance. It requires a multi-sectoral, multi-stakeholders approach that engages all relevant stakeholders in a transparent and inclusive manner.

Sustainable urbanization requires policies to ensure that the benefits of urban growth are distributed in an equitable manner. It also requires diversified policies to plan for and manage the spatial distribution of populations and their internal migration. There is a need for policies aimed at a more balanced distribution of urban growth.

Madam Co-Chairs,

Indonesia supports the establishment of a new urban agenda through an inclusive process. The new urban agenda should address the unfinished business of the Habitat Agenda as well as the Millennium Development Goals and serve as a vital plan of action for the post-2015 development agenda. It is important to ensure that the outcome document of Habitat III should be guided by the result of the post-2015 development agenda in which its ultimate goals is to end poverty.

In this regard, Indonesia sees the need to reinvigorate the global partnership and to strengthen different forms of regional and national cooperation for sustainable development, including by mobilizing the necessary resources for implementation of the new urban agenda, as well as commitment to capacity building and better mechanism for transfer of technology for developing countries.

It is clear that the implementation of this new agenda will require active engagement of national governments and local authorities, civil society, private sectors and United Nations system.

On the Habitat III conference, Indonesia believes that an inclusive and comprehensive participatory process is a must in order to attain the optimum achievable sustainable urban agenda and its accountability mechanism. We must particularly ensure effective participation of local governments in the conference that is balanced in terms of region, size, and type of local authorities, as well as all other stakeholders.

As a member and partner of UN Habitat, Indonesia is fully committed to support the process towards Habitat III. In this regard, Indonesia has submitted the first draft of the National Report during PrepCom I in September 2014 in New York. At this PrepCom II in Nairobi, Indonesia is ready to submit the second draft of the National Report as a refinement of the first draft.

To prepare the process towards Habitat III in particular PrepCom III, Indonesia has established Habitat Partnership, aimed at implementing the United Nations Agendas. Indonesia has also established a National Secretariat Habitat as well as Habitat Agenda Partners to address and manage coordination issues nationally.

Madam Co-Chairs

I should have perhaps mentioned this under Agenda Item 4: but Indonesia is deeply honored to become part of the PrepCom Bureau, and we are privileged to inform this meeting that we are ready to host the High-level Asia Pacific Regional Meeting for the Preparation of Habitat III. For those of you from the Asia and Pacific countries I am looking forward to meeting you on 19-21 October 2015, in Jakarta. We are also in the preparation to host the Third Session of the Preparatory Committee to be held in July 2016. As the last preparatory meeting before Habitat III, we hope the presence of participating countries, local governments and related stakeholders can be further increased. In this regard, we will be pleased to welcome all of you in Indonesia next year.

I thank you Madam Co-Chairs.