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*Mr. President,*  
*Excellencies,*  
*Distinguished delegates,*  
*Ladies and Gentlemen,*

First of all, I would like to congratulate you for being elected as the President of the 26<sup>th</sup> Session of the Governing Council. I have no doubt that under your able leadership, the Governing Council will successfully fulfill its mandates.

This session is the first time ever since we adopted the New Urban Agenda in Quito, in October last year. It is indeed high time for the Council to initiate steps towards the full implementation of the Agenda. **Implementation plan of the Agenda must be our utmost priority and clearly reflected in the work programme of the UN Habitat.**

The New Urban Agenda focuses on building collaboration, which calls for reviewing the mechanisms to allow partnerships across stakeholders to occur, and to create the public spheres for dialogue and delivering good results. Indonesia appreciates the works that have been done by the UN Habitat in ensuring the success of the UN Habitat III Conference processes.

**The UN Habitat must be strengthened in order to be able to guide and support the implementation of the New Urban Agenda globally.** Indonesia supports the establishment of an independent panel of experts by the UN Secretary-General to review and enhance the effectiveness of the UN Habitat as mandated in the New Urban Agenda. Indonesia is actively taking part in the independent panel as one of its members, which will work together with other panel members, as well as with all UN member states, in establishing recommendations on enhancing the effectiveness, efficiency, accountability and oversight of the UN Habitat.

*Mr. President,*

**The UN Habitat must continue to encourage and support national implementation of the New Urban Agenda.** Nationally, Indonesia has finalized the translation of the New Urban Agenda into our national language, Bahasa Indonesia. We believe this is

an important step so that all messages can be easily understood by all stakeholders in Indonesia, such as, line ministries, local governments as well as members of the national, provincial and local parliaments. They are important actors who can make sure the mainstreaming of NUA principles in our development policies.

Indonesia has also carried out efforts to integrate the implementation of the New Urban Agenda with the SDGs into national and local plans, as well as aligning both agendas with existing Medium Term Development Plan. Integrated indicators are being formulated to monitor and evaluate the implementation of NUA and SDGs.

By the end of April 2017, dissemination of the New Urban Agenda and the SDGs has already been done at the national and local levels. Indonesia is committed to further implement NUA through provision of basic infrastructure in relation with other international commitments.

Indonesia has taken further efforts on strengthening NUA implementation through integrated housing and settlement development policies. In order to ensure that the implementations of the New Urban Agenda and the SDGs are on the right track, Indonesian Steering Committee for Housing and Settlements as well as Steering Committee for Urban Development are also established. These two Steering Committees will later be integrated and upgraded into National Coordination Body based on a Presidential Decree. Currently, we are designing a national platform on integrated urban development program using NUA's and SDGs' principles through National Urban Development Program, and it promotes involvement of local governments. The main outputs will be used as inputs for our next 2020-2024 Medium Term Development Plan.

*Mr. President,*

In closing, urban life seems to be inevitable in our future, hence we really need to learn and gain as well as possess great wisdoms in urban development. It is important for the Governing Council to ensure support for the UN Habitat in taking leading role in the achievement of the implementation of the New Urban Agenda principles, which is one of the ways to make sure that our future cities are sustainable.

Thank you, *Mr. President.*