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**Mr. President,
Honourable Ministers and Heads of Delegations,
Executive-Director of UN-Habitat,
Excellencies Ambassadors and High Commissioners,
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

My delegation aligns itself with the statements delivered by the distinguished Permanent Representative of Pakistan and the Representative of Zimbabwe on behalf of the G77+ China and the African Group respectively.

As we conclude this session, I would like on behalf of the Government and the people of Kenya, to thank each and every one of you for your invaluable contribution to the 26th Session of the Governing Council of UN-Habitat.

I commend the Executive Director, the Secretariat and all those who worked behind the scene, many of whom we do not often see, for their commitment and dedication to the important work of UN-Habitat.

Your efforts considerably eased our work.

Distinguished Delegates,

My delegation is greatly honored by the trust and confidence placed in Kenya as one of the Vice Presidents of this Session.

Your flexibility and willingness to accommodate one another has contributed significantly to the success of our deliberations.

We believe that it is only by working closely together that we can achieve our collective objective of helping to shape the work of UN-Habitat.

It is our expectation that following the deliberations over the last 4 days, we will now work towards transforming all our efforts into meaningful action in implementing the New Urban Agenda.

We must work to ensure sustainable and inclusive prosperity and opportunities for all by promoting environmentally sustainable and resilient urban development.

We hope the ongoing assessment by the High-level Panel tasked by the UN Secretary General to carry out an independent assessment of UN-Habitat will bear fruit and lead to the strengthening of UN-Habitat so that it can effectively and efficiently execute its mandate.

I reaffirm Kenya's continued commitment to UN-Habitat and more importantly, to the effective implementation of the New Urban Agenda. We believe it will complement our efforts to realize the right to adequate housing for our people in sustainable urban environments.

Distinguished Delegates,

Finally, I hope that your stay in Nairobi was pleasant. I urge those who may not be departing immediately to visit Nairobi National Park which is very close to our capital.

ASANTENI SANA. THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION