

Closing Remarks on behalf of the Group of 77 & China at the Twenty Sixth Session of the Governing Council (GC 26) of the United Nations Human Settlement Programme (UN Habitat) by H.E. Mr. Raza Bashir Tarar, High Commissioner of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to Kenya, Permanent Representative to UNON and Chairperson of the Group of 77 & China, Nairobi Chapter-Nairobi, 12 May 2017

Mr. President,

The Group of 77 and China appreciates the able manner in which you and other members of the Bureau steered the proceedings of the 26th Session of the Governing Council of UN Habitat.

The Group admires the spirit of cordiality and compromise exhibited by Member States to ensure a successful outcome of GC26. We are hopeful that the adopted resolutions would dovetail into our common endeavor to achieve the goals established by Agenda 2030.

I would also take this opportunity to reiterate the Group's position that the New Urban Agenda be implemented with due allowance for the constraints faced by the developing and the least developed countries and their financial, capacity building and technological needs.

The Group also wishes to express its deep appreciation to the former President of the Governing Council and Bureau Members for the diligence and dedication with which they discharged their duties.

The Group also underlines the importance of meaningful and continuous engagement with the Panel nominated by the Secretary General to assess UN Habitat and the issues facing it. We would also like to emphasize that the assessment process should not translate into a recipe for inaction or suboptimal performance by UN-Habitat.

The Group also reiterates its deep appreciation for the Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director for their sterling service to UN Habitat and Member States.

Needless to say Mr President, the Group of 77 and China continues to be ready and willing to play its part in transforming UN-Habitat into an entity fully in sync with the Agenda 2030.

Thank you.