

**STATEMENT FOR DR. PINDI CHANA, HIGH COMMISSIONER OF THE  
UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA TO THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA, ON  
THE OCCASION OF THE 26<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL  
OF THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN SETTLEMENT PROGRAMME  
NAIROBI, KENYA, 8-12 MAY 2017**

**Your Excellency the President and Vice Presidents of the Governing  
Council,**

**Mr. Joan Clos, Executive Director of UN Habitat,**

**Excellencies,**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

I deliver this statement on behalf of the Tanzanian Delegation to the 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlement Programme. As we mark the first formal gathering of member states and other stakeholders since the adoption of the Habitat III Agenda, allow me to extend our sincere congratulations to all stakeholders for their tireless efforts in preparation and its adoption. This Agenda provides a road map to implement Goal 11 of the Sustainable Development Goals, which emphasize on making sustainable cities and communities.

**Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen;**

It is in this 21<sup>st</sup> century that the world population has transformed from being more urban than rural. This transformation has, and continues to pose, multiple challenges questioning the sustainability of cities of the present time and in the future. These challenges are more serious in cities with stagnating economies amidst increasing poverty and with limited capacity to manage cities towards sustainable urban development.

**Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen;**

As we marked the end of Habitat II and welcomes Habitat III Agenda, UN-Habitat has been a remarkable partner in improving the living conditions and human settlements in accordance with local needs and realities. In Tanzania, before the expiry of Habitat II Agenda, UN-Habitat had about ten to fifteen projects operating in the country and all of them were quite successful. At this juncture I want to express our special thanks to UN-Habitat for their endless support in financing housing projects and provision of affordable housing services to poor people. We call for UN-Habitat to consider extending more resources to provide the poor with decent homes.

**Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen;**

The Government of the United Republic of Tanzania is committed to make its cities safer, healthy and inclusive. Therefore, we are very much concerned with the issue of Solid Waste Management especially in major cities. Places with huge solid waste dumps, threatens health and wellbeing of the surrounding communities. In that regard, we welcome sustainable solid wastes management solutions, which include projects for converting such waste into raw material for making electricity.

**Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen;**

I take this opportunity to reaffirm our political commitment to the New Urban Agenda as basis for participation, partnerships and inclusiveness in improving the living conditions in human settlements in ways that are appropriate with local needs and realities. We align our self with decisions of the Governing Council to adopt the Revised Strategic Framework 2018-2019; Draft Work Programme and Budget for 2018-2019, subject to Council's recommendations, vis-à-vis the need to address economic, social and

environmental challenges globally, to ensure the creation of better living environments for all.

**Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen;**

Tanzania is hopeful that, in line with the letter and spirit of Sustainable Development Goal 17, which emphasize on Sustainable Partnership, the international community, especially developed countries, will contribute to our national efforts in implementing the New Urban Agenda in our countries, the African region, and the entire developing world.

Finally, the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania calls on UN-Habitat to consider re-opening Country Office in Tanzania for effective coordination and implementation of their projects in the country.

Thank you for your attention!!