Introductory Statement by Dr. Joan Clos, Executive Director

Quarterly Report on the Financial Status of UN-Habitat

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Madam Chair,
Excellencies and Distinguished Delegates,

I am pleased to provide you with a brief summary of the financial situation of UN-Habitat for the biennium 2010-2011 as of October 2011, as reflected in the Quarterly Report on the Financial Status of UN-Habitat (HSP/CPR/43/6) that has been circulated to you on 1 December 2011 as background document for today’s meeting.

The total income received during the first ten months of this year amounts to US$203.9 million. Of this amount, US$10.8 million is the Regular Budget allotment, US$12 million is allocated to the Foundation General Purpose Account and US$181.1 million for Foundation and Technical Cooperation earmarked project activities. This income is 32% above the level of resources received during the first ten months of 2010 mainly due to the 41% increase in the earmarked contributions received.

The general purpose income for 2011 is currently projected at US$20.4 million subject to ongoing discussions with our donors. However, compared to our annual income target of US$28.5 million based on the approved 2010-2011 work programme and budget, there is still a shortfall of US$8.1 million for the year 2011. The confirmed general purpose pledges actually received for the first ten months is US$12 million. With the projected shortfall in the general purpose income, we have continued with the cost controls and management measures such as the moratorium on recruitment; reduction in the use of consultants, travel, general operating expenditures and procurement of furniture and equipment.

Distinguished delegates,

I wish to acknowledge with sincere gratitude the General purpose pledges and contributions received, since the last financial report, from the Governments of Barbados, Republic of Korea, and Sweden.

Excellencies,

You will note from Annex C of this report, that as at 31 October 2011, the programme had received earmarked contributions totaling US$181.1 million towards specific projects and activities from governments, UN Agencies, various public and private organizations. 37% of the earmarked resources are directed towards MTSIP focus area 3 “Pro-poor land and housing” while 29% are target MTSIP focus area 4 “Environmentally-sound and affordable urban infrastructure and services”.

Please allow me to record my appreciation to all the governments, various organizations and private sectors, who have continued to partner with UN-Habitat to provide the much needed support towards particularly in, the on-going post conflict, post disaster and poverty alleviation efforts in Afghanistan, Haiti, Pakistan and Somali.

This concludes my introduction to this agenda item and I thank you for your kind attention.