Introductory Statement by Dr. Joan Clos
Executive Director


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Mr Chairman, Excellences, Ladies and Gentlemen,

As you are aware, this report is meant to inform the distinguished members the UN-Habitat activities and programmes that we have undertaken in the last six months from April to September 2013.

We have subdivided the report into two major sections addressing: (i) global projects, regional and country projects, as well as (iii) a project table providing a concise overview of the projects carried out by the Agency with pertinent details on their duration, budget, funding sources, location and implementing entities.

Your Excellencies,

These projects and programmes have been carried out by following the Governing Council adopted resolution 24/15 in April 2013 which requested the Executive Director – among other actions to continue ensuring that “country activities contribute to the implementation of the strategic plan and programme of work, including the normative work of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, and are fully coordinated including through regional offices with countries and cities concerned”.

These projects and programmes have been implemented with Habitat Agenda partners at the national and local levels to foster the urban development around the following strategic and thematic areas: (i) urban legislation, land and governance; (ii) urban planning and design; (iii) urban economy; (iv) urban basic services; (v) housing and slum upgrading; (vi) risk reduction and rehabilitation; as well as (vii) research and capaccity development.

The present CAR provides a timely update on the continued efforts undertaken by the Agency to support this key component of its work. To supplement this report, the Secretariat will shortly present to Members a case study on the Philippines, which demonstrates our operational work at the country level. In addition to the biennial report submitted to the Governing Council at its regular
sessions for consideration, the Country Activities Report is mainly prepared for the attention of the distinguished members of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR) for information.

Mr Chairman,

Should you require more detailed information on our regional and country projects and programmes, our team in the Project Office are here and will respond to you.

Thank you for your attention.