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Chairman of the Committee of Permanent Representatives
Executive Director
Excellencies
Ladies and Gentlemen

I would like to begin by commending each and every one of you for your valuable contribution to the success of the 26th session of the Governing Council.

Your dedication and commitment ensured successful deliberations.

Kenya welcomes the briefing by the Executive Director and in particular, the reports on Regional Projects. We appreciate the fact that the reports were sent to us well in advance.

I reaffirm Kenya’s support for the resolutions adopted by the Governing Council. We look forward to working constructively with all the stakeholders to ensure their timely and effective implementation.

Considering that the resolutions are all interrelated, I believe their implementation will contribute significantly to the realization of our ambitions and aspirations with regard to the New Urban Agenda.

Excellencies,

My delegation has keenly studied the Quarterly Report of the Financial Status of UN- Habitat. We note that the status of the Foundation General Purpose Fund has not improved since last year when the Executive Director informed us of the dire situation. The Foundation is indeed very important. It deserves our urgent attention to keep the organization in a position to effectively discharge its mandate.
As H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta urged the Governing Council, I take this opportunity once again to encourage each one of us, Member States, in a position to do so, to provide financial resources to the organization.

You will recall that the Governing Council passed a resolution that called on the Secretariat to base preparations for the next World Urban Forum here in Nairobi. I am convinced, this will enable us, as the CPR, to offer advice and support in the preparations.

We would appreciate regular consultations as we move closer to the WUF9. We note that countries that may wish to hosts WUF11 in 2022 have been invited to express their interest. While we appreciate the proactive action, it may be a little premature. We believe we should adhere to the established practice on this matter.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We welcomed previous efforts by the Secretariat to prepare an Action Framework for the Implementation for the New Urban Agenda. We agreed that UN Habitat would consult further with us in the preparation and finalization of the Action Framework. Time is of essence. We would like to encourage the secretariat to commence consultations on this important matter.

The Working Group on Programme and Budget, whose mandate was renewed, needs to start planning for its future meetings. Kenya appreciates the value this group is adding in running the affairs of the UN- Habitat. It needs to be supported by among others providing requisite documents on time and updating it on the status of implementations of its previous recommendations.
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Ladies and Gentlemen,

Kenya welcomes the second visit to Nairobi by the assessment panel scheduled for early next month. We are prepared to engage further with the panel as well as with Member States during the visit.

Needless to state, the main purpose of the assessment is to make the UN-Habitat a better functioning agency in terms of its relations with Member States, its effectiveness, efficiency, transparency, inclusiveness and accountability in service delivery.

I thank you for your attention.