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Statement by the Executive Director
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Mr. Chairman, Excellencies, Distinguished Representatives,

This agenda item concerns the process of reporting on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda since its adoption in October 2016.

The Quadrennial Report, presented by the Secretary-General to the General Assembly every 4 years until 2036, is essentially an inclusive collaborative process between the UN system, member states and other partners, which UN-Habitat coordinates as the UN focal point for sustainable urbanization and human settlements.

Today we will update you on the process and status of the First Quadrennial Report.

The final draft of the Quadrennial Report was prepared through a broad participatory method. This included a preliminary discussion on the strategy and principles of the report during the WUF9, followed by an Expert Group Meeting to co-produce the first full draft Report and a review of the draft Report by the UN system entities.

Furthermore, the Quadrennial Report was discussed twice in the CPR Sub-Committee; first in February focusing on the long-term strategy of New Urban Agenda reporting as well as the content of the first report, and second time in March to review the draft report outline.

The final draft was submitted to the Executive Office of the Secretary-General in early April. UN-Habitat is glad to inform that the final draft was approved with minor further clarifications and additions only. The Report will be discussed in the ECOSOC meeting of 2nd and 3rd of July.

The report emphasises an integrated approach to the pursuit of the New Urban Agenda targets. It summarises actions deployed by different actors at different levels with the aim to achieve synergic relations, close coordination and stronger capacities to monitor the global urban related sustainability agendas.

More details on the process and content of this report are included in the brief that was sent to you in preparation for this meeting.

Thank you for your kind attention, I would now like to handover to the Director of our Programme Division, Mr Raf Tuts, to complete the presentation.