Excellencies,
Colleagues,
Ladies and gentlemen,

I am pleased to provide you with an update on the progress of the Governance Review Process since the last 37th CPR Regular Session in June and present a list of Proposed Quick-wins, as contained in HSP/CPR/38/8/Rev.1 for your consideration and approval. With your approval, the quick-wins will be implemented in the next few months.

The report before you, “UN-Habitat Governance Review Process: Proposed Quick-Wins”, provides you with a consolidated list of proposed quick-wins, which are categorised in each component of good governance: accountability, transparency, effectiveness and efficiency, as well as a brief background on the process. It is the outcome of the activities of the Implementation and Assessment Teams of the UN-Habitat Governance Review Process. The quick-wins were considered and approved by the Open-ended Contact Group on 30 August 2010.

Most Quick-Wins focus on strengthening communication, information-sharing and productive working relationships between the Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR) and the Secretariat - including its Trust Funds and Programmes – so that there is greater focus on the substance of UN-HABITAT’s work. It is hoped that the proposals, if put in place, will reduce the amount of time devoted to matters of process. The relationships between the Governing Council Bureau, the CPR Bureau with the Secretariat were also addressed, and suggestions have been made. In addition, the role of the United Nations Regional Groups were explored, and the complexities of the governance issue regarding the relationships between UN-HABITAT and the United Nations Office at Nairobi were discussed, although there remains more work to be done in these areas. More work is also required concerning the governance aspects of Trust Funds and the World Urban Forum respectively. It is intended to revert to these matters at the 39th CPR Regular Session in December 2010 as well as to present Medium/Long-Term Interventions to that meeting. In particular, the Implementation Team will be further considering the Medium/Long-Term Interventions, as contained in HSP/CPR/38/INF.DOC, prior to their presentation at the 39th CPR Regular Session.

I am pleased to inform you that some quick-wins, such as organising more informal meetings and briefings for CPR meetings, bi-annual induction seminars for new CPR members, and providing annotated agendas have been already undertaken by the Secretariat.

Further to our announcement at the last CPR Regular Session in June regarding the vacancies in the Implementation and Assessment Teams, I am very pleased to introduce new members in the Governance Review Process: i) H.E. Mr. Domingo D. Lucenario, Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Philippines; ii) Ms. Susannah Goshko, Permanent Representative-Designate of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; iii) Mr. Haggai Onguka, Acting Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kenya; iv) Mr. Yohpy Ichsan Wardana, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Indonesia; v) Ms. Alara Aydil, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Turkey; vi) Mr. Bengt Baedecke, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Sweden; and vii) Mr. Nicolas Dasnois, Second Secretary of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of France. We are also pleased to inform that Mr. Joe Murphy, Permanent Representative of the United States of America, and myself have taken further responsibilities in Team 8 and 7 respectively in addition to our previous roles.

Dear colleagues,

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the all the team members of the Governance Review Process. The Process has helped members of the CPR and the Secretariat to understand each other better. We have managed to build a stronger mutual trust based on that understanding, and we look forward to
continuing and further deepening this constructive relationship through the next phase of the Governance Review.

Thank you very much for your attention, and I would be grateful for any questions and comments from the Representatives regarding the proposed quick-wins.