Mr. Chairman,
Excellencies and Distinguished Delegates,

It is my pleasure to introduce, for the Committee’s consideration, the Peer Review Report on the Implementation of the Medium-term Strategic and Institutional Plan (MTSIP) 2008-2013, as contained in HSP/CPR/38/9.

The mandate for the Peer Review comes from Governing Council resolution 21/2 on the MTSIP that requested the Executive Director to establish, in close collaboration with the Habitat Agenda partners, an annual peer review process on the implementation of the MTSIP.

It will be recalled that in 2008, the CPR endorsed the proposal by the Secretariat that the peer review be conducted at the end of 2009 rather than in 2008. This was to enable not only assessment of the implementation of the twelve quick wins of the kick start phase of the MTSIP, but also to assess UN-Habitat’s readiness to support and achieve MTSIP results. For this reason, the peer review covered the first phase of the MTSIP, that is 2008 to 2009, plus the first quarter of 2010.

The Peer Review was conducted by an independent Panel established by the CPR. The Panel is made up of nine members. Four of the members are from the CPR, namely the representatives of Germany, the Republic of Korea, Spain, and Uganda. The remaining five members comprise two professional evaluators from a peer organization, namely UNEP, one Habitat Agenda partner representative and two external evaluation consultants.

Excellencies,

As you may be already aware, the panel worked tirelessly, independently and in a transparent manner for nearly nine months to come up with the report we are presenting to you today. The report was presented to and discussed by the CPR Working Group on the MTSIP on 18 August 2010. It contains significant findings, 19 recommendations and lessons learned. There are also specific suggestions for the CPR. What is more important now is the way in which the review findings and recommendations will be utilized to improve the implementation of the MTSIP.

Upon your acceptance of the report, the Secretariat will prepare a formal management response to the Peer Review and develop an action plan for the implementation of the recommendations. These will then be discussed with the CPR Working Group on the MTSIP.

Mr. Chairman,

I would like to stress that the report before you was prepared by an independent panel, and not by the Secretariat. The CPR acceptance of the Peer Review Report would be highly appreciated to enable the Secretariat to proceed with the management response and action plan.

In closing, I would like to express the Secretariat’s sincere gratitude to the Panel members, who invested a significant amount of time to see this process through. I would also like to thank those CPR members who shared their insights and knowledge in interviews and group discussions during the review process.

Thank you for your attention.