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**Introductory Statement by Dr. Joan Clos
Executive Director**

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Excellencies, Distinguished Members of this Committee, Colleagues

You may recall that in April 2011 the Governing Council, through its resolution 23/11, requested me to prepare a new Strategic Plan for 2014-2019 to succeed the Medium-Term Strategic and Institutional Plan for 2008-2013.

The Strategic Plan was prepared in a very participatory way, which included a Secretariat Strategic Planning Team and a CPR Contact Group on the Strategic Plan. During its preparation, and for over a period of one year, more than 10 meetings were held and a day-long joint workshop conducted. At the end of the process, the Strategic Plan was fully owned by both Member States and the Secretariat.

The Strategic Plan is divided into 3 parts. The first provides a rationale for the Plan – it answers the question WHY? The second provides the actual content of the Plan – it answers the question WHAT? The third part addresses the issue of HOW the Plan is implemented.

The reason for the revision of the Strategic Plan is to respond to the outcome of Habitat III, the New Urban Agenda, and to lessons learnt in the implementation of the Plan during its first three years, that is January 2014 to December 2016. Additionally, the revision will respond to other UN international agreements that are relevant to sustainable cities and human settlements, in particular the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Sustainable Development Goals, which includes Goal 11 on cities and human settlements, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 and the Paris Agreement under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Some of you may be aware that the CPR Subcommittee on Policy and Programme of Work considered process issues related to the revision of the Strategic Plan and the Strategic Framework as well as the preparation of the Work Programme and Budget on 9 November. Following that consideration, Branch Coordinators, in consultation with Regional Office Directors, have proposed specific revisions of their areas of work in the Strategic Plan. Amendments to the narrative of the Plan in relevant parts have also been proposed.

The revised Strategic Plan has to be ready before the end of February 2017 in order to meet the deadline for the submission of documents for the 26th session of the Governing Council. We also

have to bear in mind that the Strategic Framework for 2018-2019 needs to be updated on the basis of the revised Strategic Plan.

In this regard, you may recall that in the Strategic Framework 2018-2019, it was indicated in paragraph 12.2 that the document was likely to be further strengthened by the outcome of Habitat III. Also, in my introductory statement to this Committee on 23 March 2016, I indicated that the Strategic Framework 2018-2019 would most likely be revised in 2017 to include the outcomes of major conferences, including the Habitat III Conference. It is against this background that the Strategic Framework 2018-2019 will be amended, with a view to aligning it with the revised Strategic Plan 2014-2019.

Excellencies,

Please note that the revision of the Strategic Framework, which will be carried out in consultation with the CPR, will be followed by the preparation of the Work Programme and Budget 2018-2019. We expect to have these important documents completed and reviewed by the CPR Subcommittee on Policy and Programme of Work, with your permission, by the end of February 2017.

Thank you for your attention.