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**ED's Introductory statement on Stakeholder Engagement Policy
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Excellencies,

It is fitting for you to review and provide guidance on a UN-Habitat stakeholder engagement policy as we strive to implement the New Urban Agenda and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It is also pertinent to focus on stakeholder engagement as you review UN-Habitat Governance, and as UN-Habitat is about to start preparation of the next Medium Strategic Plan 2020-2025.

The stakeholder engagement policy is intended to improve how stakeholders engage and participate in UN-Habitat policy and decision-making processes on the one hand, and in programme design, implementation and evaluation including monitoring and reporting on the New Urban Agenda and relevant Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) on the other.

It is also intended to increase communication with and among stakeholders at all levels and to respond to their needs. It supports coherence in engagement of stakeholders in UN-Habitat legislative and non-legislative bodies, forums and programmes.

I believe that the stakeholder engagement policy will assist UN-Habitat to enhance transparency and accountability, build trust and ownership, promote equality, accessibility and sustainability, draw on stakeholders' expertise, and enhance delivery of results.

I now request Ms. Christine Musisi, Director, External Relations Division to present the proposed stakeholder engagement policy.