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**Agenda Item 6: Report on the Stakeholder Engagement Policy
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Statement by the Executive Director

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Mr. Chairman, Excellencies, Distinguished Representatives,

The CPR Sub-Committee on programmes considered the second draft of the Stakeholder Engagement Policy on 25 April 2018. A revised draft with oral comments provided by Member States and the Secretariat inputs based on internal consultations was circulated to Member States on 30 April 2018. Member States were encouraged to submit written comments on the draft by 7 May 2018. As at 30 May 2018 we received comments from Argentina, China, the European Union and Turkey. The document before you, incorporates the comments received to date.

A small working group chaired by the United States of America has been established to review and harmonize the comments by Member States. The first meeting of the small working group attended by USA, Turkey, Zimbabwe, Colombia, Costa Rica, European Union, Argentina, and Mexico was held on Tuesday 19 June 2018 the working group provided direction on the next steps. Emphasis is placed on (i) how UN-Habitat engages stakeholders in its normative and operational programmes, (ii) how stakeholders can contribute to policy and decision-making, programme identification, design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation; and (iii) accreditation.

I believe that consensus can be reached on points of divergence, especially around accreditation approval processes, and the role of Member States. We acknowledge the fact that some countries require legal registration of stakeholders, while others only require to be legally established. I trust that these two instances for example, can be accommodated drawing on the practice within the UN system.

The finalized Stakeholder Engagement Policy will be submitted at the 70th Regular Meeting of the CPR in September 2018.

The Stakeholder Engagement Policy will assist UN-Habitat to promote coherence and coordination in stakeholder engagement and enhance stakeholder engagement in policy and decision-making processes as well as programme design implementation, monitoring and evaluation of our Strategic Framework, Work Programme and Budget, and also support implementation of the urban dimensions of the Sustainable Development Goals and the New Urban Agenda.

Thank you for your kind attention, I would now like to handover to the Director of External Relations Division, Ms Christine Musisi to complete the presentation.