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Dear Chair, dear Vice-Chairs, dear Executive Director, Madam Mohd Sharif, dear colleagues from UN-Habitat and other constituencies,

Thank you for opening the **Committee of Permanent Representatives** to the Civil Society Partner and stakeholders. We would also like to thank you for the informative session earlier today and would like to congratulate UN-Habitat for the work done.

We are writing this statement to point out to the United Nations Human Settlements Program our proposal, linked to its commitment and responsibility to women, which will increase the effectiveness of its action, as women systematically and daily work on various issues in the city.

The 2030 Agenda reaffirmed that gender equality is a precondition and sine qua non for sustainable development and, at the same time, an indispensable result of it.

UN Habitat corresponds to Objective 11 in which you must attend, to contribute to the eradication of inequality gaps between women and men in all urban areas, but also those related to habitat, which means attention to rural-urban, the devastating effects of the climate change and the risks of disasters that threaten cities.

The pandemic has made clear the need for a change in civilization, due to the depth of its effects and it must be here and now because its end still has an uncertain horizon.

The narrative and the action must have universal human rights as its axis and in this case the Right to the City defined as a common good for a dignified life.

For the civilizational change, women know that we have a series of international, regional and global instruments, in the form of conventions and governmental commitments, among them a very powerful one, the New Urban Agenda, which must appropriate intersectionality as a principle of central action that makes visible, to serve, all social groups: grassroots, indigenous, Afro-descendant, rural and urban women.

Without forgetting that women as subjects of law are not a group, we are half the population.

The pandemic, without a doubt, is one of the greatest disasters that humanity has suffered.

Its effects have been greater on women, who face multiple crises: health, economic, care and a disproportionate increase in violence.

Therefore, we request to the Permanent Representative Committee and the Executive Director of the United Nations Program for Human Settlements, that in all their work and in the dialogues of the 11th World Urban Forum, the effects on women are considered, and their role as an active subject with enormous contributions to face the pandemic, to conclude with the contents provided by the New Urban Agenda in the construction of new cities with equality between women and men.

Our access to equality will be good for us, good for families, good for the community, good for the city, and in general, it will be good for the entire nation, as has been pointed out by various studies carried out within of the United Nations.

In partnership with all of you and the stakeholders present here, our constituent groups, which are also part of the General Assembly of Partners and SAGE, assume our responsibility and intensify the efforts necessary to contribute to our communities' better rebuilding, working side by side with international actors and Member States.

Thank you