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SECRETARY MARTHA DELGADO**

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[Vocatives]

- **MAIMUNA SHARIF, Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Program**
- **Distinguished members and colleagues of the Assembly**
- **To the nations whose representations are present**

[Message]

- Appreciable public and participants, I cordially greet Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Program (UN-Habitat), as well as all the members and colleagues of the General Assembly and the nations whose representations are in present
- It is an honor and a responsibility for me, as president of the General Assembly, to reiterate the commitment that nations have for planning and creating, promoting, and developing best practices towards a sustainable and inclusive future for all
- This has been a time of real challenge. The pandemic has exposed us, but it has also enlightened us. Now we know that we must act immediately, providing short- and medium-term responses, articulated to long-term resolutions, with methodological structures based on knowledge. Responses to health crises must relate to the

redefinition of a new social context that creates the conditions for social, economic and urban recovery and the need to respond to the climate agenda and the ecological transition.

- COP26 was held in Glasgow, Scotland, creating and projecting ambitious solutions to address the climate emergency with renewed efforts and commitments and the need for clear action on climate finance
- As well as the World Cities Day in the city of Luxor in Egypt, great ideas and strategies could be heard in the creation of smart cities and especially resilient to Climate Change, where the population together with their local governments must create communication bridges a lot more effective through technology and the digital age, to interconnect efforts for the planet
- The proposal to think in terms of new ecological and sustainable urban areas opens a great opportunity to mobilize communities and reactivate space as a vector of change, connecting to long-term climate change solutions. The need to revitalize the economic resilience of cities is essential to prepare public policies for future crises and consequently sustainable institutional responses
- This new approach labeled "Recalibration of the Strategic Plan" confirms the important normative and operational work of UN-Habitat and reaffirms the central role that the agency plays, in the sustainability agenda and the new Urban era
- The Secretary-General of the United Nations has emphasized that urbanization is one of the transformative forces of our times. In five years, various decisions, resolutions, and global agendas of governments will reaffirm the mandate of UN-Habitat
- We thank all nations for their financial contributions, support, efforts and help so that the programs have a positive impact on the Agency. The resources requested are necessary not only to guarantee the proper functioning of the Agency, but also to

complete the institutional reform. We know that we can be even better, and it is our amendment that we can continue to create strategies in economic public policies to continue supporting UN-Habitat programs

- UN-Habitat requires greater support to help reduce poverty and inequality in the world's cities, increase aspects of shared prosperity, preserve peace, and promote a climate change agenda at the city level. All of this, while promoting respect for human rights and the inclusive agenda
- The Presidency of the UN-Habitat Assembly, with the support of the Government of Mexico, will work in conjunction with the Office of the Executive Director to raise the funds necessary for the operation and good administration of the Agency in order to help achieve certain stability. financial and the objectives that are so pressing
- UN-Habitat has adopted a well-aligned resource mobilization strategy to ensure that there is accurate, clear, systematic, and predictable funding. Building on the Agency's comparative advantages and in the context of the global urban development agenda, the strategy explores all options for mobilizing funds from public and private sources, as well as relevant bilateral and multilateral partners, including various entities from developing
- Working together has made a significant difference and we continue to be the channels and routes to build the bridges of prosperity and well-being. We are ties and not walls. Multilateralism is the only way to give a global boost to the sustainable urban development agenda in creating Smart Cities
- When multilateral measures are taken, things have changed for the better. How can we think about reducing poverty and inequality or to address the climate agenda in a sustainable way if it is not a collective action and of interconnection with all nations.

- Multilateralism is a system that works when we commit ourselves to advance common goals and implement joint actions to develop a better world. One that values and improves the quality of life for all, if and only if, using all available resources in a planned and sustainable way
- Thank you to all of you

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