

**Statement by Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan
on behalf of the Asia Pacific Group**

It is my honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the Asia Pacific Group.

The APG aligns itself with the statement of G-77.

The Asia Pacific Group congratulates the Executive Director, Secretariat and the Executive Board on hosting the second meeting of the of the EB for the year 2022 appreciates the efforts put in for making successful.

The Asia Pacific Group thanks the Executive Director for her leadership to develop UN-Habitat and takes note of the annual report (2021) on the implementation of the strategic plan of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for the period 2020–2023.

Our group believe it is a useful document for member states to grasp progress achieved in the implementation of the strategic plan in 2021 and the activities set out in the work programme of UN-Habitat.

Our Group would like to highlight the importance of the implementation of the resource's mobilization strategy in accordance with UN-Habitat strategic plan for the period 2020-2023, which would ensure sufficient, predictable, long-term funding to implement the approved activities, and commends the efforts to diversify the number and types of donors to the programme. The Group also appreciate the donors from our region contributing to UN-Habitat Funds (Foundation non-earmarked, Foundation earmarked and technical cooperation) which reflects the engagement that our region has with UN-Habitat and the support to its mandate and projects, we also welcome that UN-Habitat has been able to direct considerable financial resources to the countries of our region in 2022, and call for maintaining this high level of support throughout the coming annual programmes.

The Group welcomes and provides its support to the draft work programme and budget of the UN-Habitat.

We, as APG, appreciate the efforts and progress made by UN-Habitat in promoting the five flagship programs to integrate normative and operational work, as well as effective urban crisis prevention and response.

The APG welcomes the report of the Executive Director on the outcome of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the review of the implementation of the New Urban Agenda.

APG recognizes that the New Urban Agenda is a robust framework and that can assist countries recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, and increase resilience to health emergencies, climate crises, disasters, and conflicts. In this regard, we underline the importance for continued technical support for developing countries.

The Asia-Pacific Group takes note of the Report of the Secretary General on the Activities of the Ethics Office and welcomes the efforts of UN-Habitat in implementing the policies of the Ethics Office within the UN-Habitat to ensure that its staff perform their functions with the highest standards of integrity.
