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Thank you Chair,

My delegation wishes to thank the secretariat for the report on the financial status for 2022. We also wish to commend UN-Habitat for the great strides made in improving the financial position of the organization.

Kenya notes that the financial status posted in 2022 is very encouraging and indicative of the positive and improved financial controls that have resulted in the registered surplus of USD 5.5 Million in the non-earmarked foundation.

We note that the non-earmarked Foundation is in a historically healthy position which is a demonstration of the effectiveness of the resource mobilization strategy spearheaded by the Executive Director and member states. However, despite the increase in contributions to the non-earmarked foundation, the revenue achieved was 62.5% of the targeted amount.

Kenya therefore encourages all member states to commit to contribute to the non-earmarked foundation to maintain the positive trend and enable the organization carry out the activities for the mutual benefit of member states. Kenya has consistently made its voluntary contribution to the UN-Habitat and will continue to its contribution in a timely manner.

Excellency Chair,

Kenya recognizes the key role played by UN Habitat in supporting its development agenda especially in promoting sustainable urbanization, and affordable housing in the country and commits to continue remitting its contribution in a timely manner. Under the Kenya-Habitat country programme, UN-Habitat has been a key player in major projects that have impacted on our communities. The go blue project in the Kenyan coast is a good example of the great potential for effective partnership between the organization, other partners and the local governments. The project aims to harness important coastal and marine resources to achieve a sustainable blue economy and bring jobs to over 3,000 youth and women in the 6 counties of the Kenyan coast.

We also wish to thank UN– Habitat for the technical support provided in the Nairobi River regeneration Project. The project aims to reclaim Nairobi River as a shared public good that supports a better urban and environmental performance for a better quality of life in the city. We hope that once the project is completed, it will be a showcase on how the organization can work with communities and other stakeholders to transform inner city neighborhoods and create economic opportunities for the residents.

In the area of affordable housing, Kenya has partnered with UN-Habitat to develop the Mavoko Affordable housing project. The Project aims to develop over 500 low- and medium-cost housing. We wish to express our appreciation for the support of UN Habitat in the development of this project that is central to the government's agenda for provision of affordable housing

Excellency Chair,

On the regular budget, Kenya notes that the expenses for the year are almost at the level of the allocated budget. This indicates a need to increase the regular budget

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET 2023

In its decision 2022/6 (16 and 17) made during the second session of the Executive Board for 2022, the Board requested the Executive Director to provide an update on programmes and initiatives on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, including with regard to the submission of national reports, at each session of the Executive Board. According to the secretariat, the implementation of the decision will have a budgetary implication.

The Secretariat therefore submitted a technical note to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the programme budget implications of the draft Decision 2022/B of the UN-Habitat Executive Board. The technical note by the Executive Director indicated that, under the terms of operative para. 16 of draft Decision 2022/B, the UN-Habitat Executive Board would request the Executive Director to provide an update on programmes and initiatives on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda including updates on the submission of national reports at each session of the Executive Board.

After consideration of the technical note, The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) noted that the mandate contained in the draft Decision 2022/B requires additional deliverables and activities. The work includes continuous monitoring, outreach, and advocacy on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and is additional to the work to produce the more comprehensive quadrennial report.

The budget of UN-Habitat does not include dedicated resources for the continuous monitoring and reporting on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda as mandated by the Executive Board. In addition, more than 90% of the total budget of UN-Habitat is earmarked for other activities. Therefore, additional non-earmarked resources would be required in the form of a dedicated team to implement the mandate from the Executive Board.

The total additional resource requirements for 2023 arising from draft Decision 2022/B amount to \$607,200. These includes Staff costs of \$419,800 as indicated below;

- i) **One P-3**-to undertake continuous screening of incoming national reports for extraction of relevant information for input into the Urban Agenda Platform; analysis of incoming reports for emerging trends; and, drafting biannual reports, listing new initiatives and programmes on reporting, advocacy and capacity building, distinguished by country, region, city, and by global programmes of UN entities, and other relevant input by stakeholders complementing national reporting, updates on new national reports submitted, and updates to the Urban Agenda Platform;
- (i) **One P-2**-to undertake advocacy, outreach, and initiatives on building national report-writing capacity in five countries per year, and updates to guidelines and templates, as needed, for Member States to facilitate reporting;

- (ii) **One National G-7-**to undertake technical maintenance and improvements on the Urban Agenda Platform to facilitate the reporting process and analysis; and
- (iii) **One National G-6-** to undertake communications and updates on the Urban Agenda Platform and Best Practices Database.

The ACABQ was also informed, that the posts would be incorporated into the staffing table starting in 2023, if the supplementally budget is approved for 2023, and that the requirements will also be integrated into the proposed budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2024.

The additional budget will also include Non-staff costs amounting to \$187,400 to provide for the preparation of two reports of up to 5,000 words, annually, including editing and translation to all official languages of the United Nations and other operating costs.

The ACABQ recommended the approval of additional resource requirements under the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2023 and 2024 in the amount of \$607,200 including \$419,800 under staff costs and \$187,400 under non-staff costs.

KENYA'S VIEWS

Kenya supports the approval the full implementation of decision 2022/6 (16 and 17) made during the second session of the Executive Board for 2022, the Board requested the Executive Director to provide an update on programmes and initiatives on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, including with regard to the submission of national reports, at each session of the Executive Board.

The allocation of the additional resources for the 2023 and 2024 budget to facilitate the implementation of the decision is therefore welcome.