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National Statement of Argentina

On behalf of the Minister of Territorial Development and Habitat of Argentina, Santiago Maggiotti, we thank the organizers of the Assembly

Argentina is firmly committed to the New Urban Agenda to address the challenges of the 21st century and contribute to sustainable development across the territory. Our Programs and Projects have a comprehensive vision aligned with the SDGs.

Argentina changed paradigm: decent housing replaces social housing, understanding it as a basic right, working together with provincial and municipal governments to face the different demands of habitat and housing, contemplating each population and territory in particular, to improve the quality of life of Argentine families. During the last 3 years 106 thousand homes have been delivered and there are more than 130 thousand in execution.

The local dimension of sustainable development is essential to achieve the 2030 Agenda and bring its benefits to all people. We highlight the work and effort of dozens of cities that, through the localization of the SDGs, have contributed to Argentina being a leading country in presenting Local Voluntary Reviews.

Urban development must go hand in hand with human rights. That is why we implement inclusive habitat policies, with a gender perspective, that guarantee the participation of women, children, young people, elderly, LGBTIQ+ people, indigenous peoples, people in vulnerable situations and other stakeholders.

Among the most significant Programs of the Ministry we can mention the program for Affordable Housing (“Casa Propia - Construir Futuro”), with its subprograms for the Elderly (Casa Activa), for Indigenous Peoples (“Habitar Comunidad”) and for Women and LGBTIQ+ people, the Sustainable Housing Project, the National Urban Land Plan, and the Neighborhood Improvement Programs, among others.

The needs of the Global South require special mention: Achieving the SDGs and addressing the social, economic and environmental problems facing humanity will require more efforts in cities in developing countries, where most urban growth will occur in 21st century. We call on developed countries to increase cooperation efforts to achieve a sustainable development that leaves no one behind.

Environmental problems are also problems of cities. Risk management and disaster response are an essential part of urban planning. That is why Argentina, as President of MINURVI, urged the adoption of the Buenos Aires Declaration, in April 2023, where financing mechanisms for mitigation and adaptation to climate change in urban settlements are promoted.

In an increasingly urban world, the results of this Assembly are urgent and necessary. Argentina works actively for this to be a successful meeting, which contributes to equal opportunities, through sustainable, inclusive and fair development for all.

Thank you very much