

## **BRAZIL STATEMENT**

### **AGENDA ITEM 5 - Discussion and possible approval of the draft work programme of UN-Habitat and the draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2024.**

Thank you, Chair, for giving me the floor. We'd also like to thank the Secretariat for presenting its draft annual work program and the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation draft budget for 2024.

As we have had the chance to read in the draft work program of UN-Habitat, globally, more than 1.6 billion people live in inadequate housing, and more than 1 billion live in slums and informal settlements. In that regard, we welcome UN-Habitat's subprogram 1 – reduced spatial inequality and poverty in communities across the urban-rural continuum – and hope to achieve the target of 3.5 million people in slums and informal settlements with access to basic services in 2025. Meeting that target would represent a return to the upward trend we had witnessed in previous years.

On the proposed budget, considering the substantial progress in the Program's financial health, Brazil regards the increase of US\$ 0.9 million for 2024 as modest. It shows a responsible approach to budget expansion, in line with the realistic voluntary contribution levels received from Member States in recent years. This budget level also shows the importance of the scalability model, as an indication of how much more we need to achieve in the Programme to allow it to fulfill its full potential and ensure the effective implementation of UNHA resolutions.