

**AGENDA ITEM 7 - Report of the Executive Director on the analysis of the principal obstacles to the implementation of the New Urban Agenda by Member States.**

Thank you, Chair, for giving me the floor. Brazil would like to thank the Secretariat's presentation on the analysis of the principal obstacles to the implementation of the New Urban Agenda. We also commend that the report addresses not only the barriers to implementing the Agenda but also the impacts on the ground.

Among the key messages, we would like to acknowledge the recognition of the critical need to enhance capacity at the institutional and individual levels across the public and private sectors in effective implementation of the New Urban Agenda. In order to build such capacity, it is crucial for UN-Habitat to count on a dedicated team to this important guiding instrument.

Secondly, Brazil welcomes the integration of the New Urban Agenda with other relevant global agendas, as well as the proactive approach taken by UN-Habitat to streamline and harmonize the reporting process for implementing the New Urban Agenda, as it shows a commitment to coherence and efficiency.

As our delegation previously mentioned, the successful execution of UNHA resolutions depends significantly on having adequate skilled human resources. In that regard, Brazil welcomes the inclusion of new staff positions in the 2024 budget to ensure that the New Urban Agenda's next quadrennial review will show significant progress on implementation.