

**AGENDA 5: MALAWI INTERVENTION ON THE DRAFT WORK
PROGRAMME AND BUDGET OF UN-HABITAT FOR 2025, AND
THE REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON
ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS**

Mr. Chair, Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,

Malawi thanks the Executive Director for presenting the draft work programme and budget for the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) and the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2025. We recognize the critical role of UN-Habitat in advancing the global urban agenda, especially in supporting the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the New Urban Agenda.

As we move forward with the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, we urge UN-Habitat to prioritize support to countries in the Global South, like Malawi, where urbanization challenges are most pressing. In particular, we emphasize the need for increased technical and financial assistance to address housing deficits, slum upgrading access to basic services, and climate-resilient infrastructure.

Furthermore, Malawi appreciates the emphasis on inclusive, sustainable urban development, and we encourage the continued integration of gender equality, youth participation, and the needs of

marginalized communities into the work programme. We also request that the programme provide more robust support to low-income and vulnerable urban populations, especially in the context of rapid urbanization and with the increasing effects of climate change especially the increase in frequency and intensity of climate induced flooding.

In reviewing the draft budget, we call for the efficient allocation of resources to ensure that UN-Habitat's work remains impactful, with a particular focus on ensuring that the most vulnerable populations benefit from the resources and interventions. It is crucial that financial support be aligned with the priorities of member states, particularly in the areas of affordable housing, sustainable transport, and urban resilience.

Malawi is committed to working with all stakeholders to ensure the successful implementation of these programs. We look forward to a continued and strengthened partnership with UN-Habitat as we strive to build cities and communities that are inclusive, resilient, and sustainable.

I thank you Mr. Chair.