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Statement of Ms Siham Mourabit, Deputy Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Morocco to UNHABITAT Before the Third Session of the Executive Board 2023

On Agenda Item 4:

Excellency Chair,

On this Agenda item, let me first thank Mme Ed and her team for the timely preparations and availability of documents to allow for better preparations of the 3rd session of the Executive Board.

At the beginning, Morocco aligns itself with statements made by the Africa Group and G77+China/.

Furthermore, Morocco would like to stress on the importance of the implementation of the program of work of UN-Habitat , and its subsequent delivery at regional and country levels.

Morocco is also appreciating all the contributions made to the non-earmarked fund from member states and partners, to allow for the necessary flexibility to the organisation to implement its programmes. Morocco believes that the work of UN-Habitat which strives towards the achievement of SDG11 has to be supported by members states, partners, and stakeholders. For that Reason Morocco welcomes the report of the working group on the Programmatic, Budgetary and Administrative matters, on the progress made to help return the organisation to solvency, and stresses

on the critical importance of financing to achieve implementation of SDGs. Morocco believes, that all sources of revenue are needed to allow for **capacity buildings programs** that are important to African countries and to the developing world, as a whole.

Morocco also appreciates contributions from donors which allow to the concretisation of important projects on local urbanisation, and help overcome impediments to the operationalisation of the mandate of UNHABITAT.

On the scalability model, Morocco appreciates the report and presentation given by the secretariat. It considers the scalability model as an effective tool that serves transparency effectiveness and delivery. Morocco indeed considers it **important that the scalability model needs to be in line with the next strategic plan**, in order to take into account, the agreed upon priorities. Morocco looks towards to the implementation for 2024.

On the Working Group for Stakeholders Engagement Policy, Morocco supports the continuity of the work of this working group to define a stakeholder's engagement policy that is in line with the rules of procedure of both of ECOSOC and that of UN-HABITAT; Contributions from local communities, local governments, Civil Society, Partners including from the Private sector are key to the execution of the mandate of UN-Habitat. **Morocco is extremely supportive of their engagements**. However, such engagement needs to be governed by well-defined criteria and guidelines. Morocco will remain engaged to the work of this working Group until the completion of its mandate.

Morocco would like to encourage the Executive Director to continue consult with relevant United Nations entities in the development of the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029, to ensure a coherent approach towards sustainable urban development across the UN system and to align strategic plans.

On the implementation process of resolutions adopted during the 2nd UN-HABITAT Assembly. Morocco would like to reiterate the need for equitable implementation of all resolutions.

On the New Urban Agenda, it is important to recognise the existence of real challenges such as **mainstreaming, achieving transformative change, monitoring and reporting,** for many countries, specifically in Africa, who are in need of support from UN-HABITAT, namely capacity building programs, that will allow them to implement the New Urban Agenda. In this regard Morocco hopes that the 2 posts created in the secretariat for this reason will be fully filled with the right profiles.

Finally, Mr Chair, Morocco wishes to reiterate its support to the Executive Director, and will continue engaging constructively in the work of the Executive Board during this session.

I Thank you.