



REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA

INTERVENTION BY DELEGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA ON SECTION A OF THE ZERO DRAFT NEW URBAN AGENDA VERSION 6 MAY 2016

Thank you Madam Co Chair for this opportunity.

We align ourselves with the statements made by Jamaica representing G77 and China, and support Maldives representing SIDS and the Netherlands representing the Delta Coalition.

Regarding the Quito Implementation Plan – Section A Transformative Commitments for Sustainable Urban Development, our comments are as follows:

Subsection 1 Leaving No One Behind, sub-part *Adequate housing and shelter at the center of the New Urban Agenda*

On Paragraph 27, we call for housing to be elevated as one of the highest priorities for national **and local** governments.

Note: it is important to acknowledge both national and local governments. If there is only priority for national, there is a tendency in some countries that the local government will not accept responsibility for housing the urban poor.

In general the role of communities in the process of housing should be acknowledged and strengthened. Please refer to our comments on May 18, 2016.

Paragraph 40 Cities must be safe for everyone, particularly women and girls.

Please revise it to ... Cities must be safe for everyone, particularly women and **girls children**.

The paragraph only mentioned about violence against women and girls in public and private spaces, and further stressed on abuse. Violence and abuse do not only concern women and girls, but all children (boys and girls). Boys are also prone to be abused by adults, such as violence and sexual abuse, being given the responsibility as primary bread winners in the family, being

subjects of inappropriate contents in social media, and being denied from access to basic education.

Note: There are numerous cases of child abuse and sexual crimes against children, both boys and girls, including children trafficking and underage marriage or as forced child prostitutes operated by globally organized mafias. The recent case of the closing the notorious prostitution district in Surabaya by Mayor Tri Rismaharini was strongly motivated to abandon the exploitation of children. This is an unfortunate reality we are facing in today's cities as the abuse of internet for such crimes has becoming everyday life that was not known in the past Habitat II era. The wording in the Zero Draft undermines this reality. Indonesian strongly urges to change the wording appropriately.

Subsection 3 Foster Ecological and Resilient Cities and Human Settlements

Ecosystems and cities

In this section, with the heading of ecosystems and cities, it will be more appropriate when the reference to **natural resources** is also referring to ecosystem services that create, nurture and preserve natural resources. In further understanding, resource preservation is related to preserving natural capital, as well as the preservation of both biodiversity and genetic diversity from anthropogenic impacts of urban development.

On Paragraph 69, we call on preserving rapidly diminishing natural resources **and environmental services**, as it relates to among others access to air quality, attractive and livable urban landscape, and increased human wellbeing.

On Paragraph 71, the focus is on green public spaces in central and peripheral urban areas. Please consider **green public spaces in delta, coastal cities and settlements**. There is also connectivity with paragraph 36 on public spaces.

Resilience to disasters and climate change and other shocks and stresses

There is a need to be consistent in using the terminology on resilience.

On Paragraph 79, there is a reference to **city system** to resilience, the wording is “resilience of **city systems**” – While on one of the three “Transformative Commitments” of Habitat III (p. 3) and Paragraph 67 calls for a broader scope, “**resilient (of) cities and human settlements**” (which covers all other human settlements beyond cities). There is also a reference of **urban system** to resilience in Paragraph 6 c.

A single consistent term to capture both “human settlements” and “urban system” (not “city system”), such as “human settlements and urban system resilience”, needs to be consistently used across the document.

In para 82, we question “...ensure effective planning, management and conservation of urban delta, coastal and other environmentally critical areas and hotspots that combine socio-economic and natural / environmental dynamic...” as is related to addressing the global **and local** issues. (Note: This global issues is related to local problems. Thus we like to see this as addressing local issues as well).

Thank you.

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