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Dear President, your excellences' and distinguished members of member states, Stake holders. Good afternoon to you all. I am Architect Ishtiaque Zahir, from Bangladesh, representing UIA, International Union of Architects, based in Paris, which include 124 member counties. I stand here as Co-Chair of PCG Professional of GAP, the General Assembly of Partners, also represented by my colleague Didier Vancutsem, from Belgium. Our group has today more than 110 registered members and the network is reaching out 1.78 million professionals.

We thank Habitat III secretariat, the Bureau members and the co facilitators for listening to GAP and acknowledging professionals several para's in the new urban agenda. The professionals of built environment have an important role to play in ensuring the process of making better cities in the future, by plan making, at all levels,

International union of Architects UIA along with all professionals' stress on the following 4 key points In the process of implementation of new urban agenda.

First, we suggest a new form of partnerships called "Peoples in Partnership" where peoples' & stakeholders' voices are at the command in the urbanization process.

Second, we consider Urban Informality as engines for economic growth, prosperity, and job creation. Urban Planners, Architects, Designers and other cross disciplinary experts are ready to help to plan slums and revitalize informal settlements.

Third. We are convinced that there is a tremendous need of capacity building and knowledge transfer at all levels and we will work towards that. We will also work towards practicing Participatory, bottom up data collection process and make it an integral part of a monitoring and sharing process system.

Lastly through our proposed urban Lab, We will make visible most of all available urban solutions and initiatives managed by researchers or global institutions

Thank you all. Thank you very much for your attention.