



**MALAYSIA INTERVENTION REMARKS FOR THE THIRD
SESSION OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE
(PREPCOM3) FOR THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE
ON HOUSING AND SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT
(HABITAT III)
SURABAYA 25-27 JULY 2016**

Thank you Mr Chairman,
Under-Secretary General and Executive Director Dr. Joan Clos,
Honourable Guests, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and
Gentlemen

First and foremost, on behalf of the Ministry of Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government of Malaysia, I would like to extend my heartiest congratulations on The Third Session of the Preparatory Committee (PrepCom3) for the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III). It is a great honour to be able to participate in the meeting today.

Malaysia has always been cooperating closely with UN-Habitat, particularly in addressing various human settlement issues in Asia and the Pacific region. This is even more so now that we are working together towards the Ninth World Urban Forum (WUF9) where Malaysia will be hosting this eminent event, which marks a new dimension into the relationship between The Government of Malaysia and UN-Habitat.

Distinguished Delegates

Malaysia is committed to support and implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Looking at the current development strategies and goals of the country, Malaysia is on the right track towards achieving the global 2030 Sustainable Development Goals Agenda.

The current five-year development plan, the Eleventh Malaysia Plan with the theme **Anchoring Growth on People** is formulated with people as the centrepiece of all development efforts and guiding policy for sustainable development in the country.

Malaysia is committed to ensuring a high quality of life in urban and rural areas in line with Malaysia's aspiration to become a

developed nation. This means that both urban and rural areas will be attractive to live in, with quality housing and amenities.

Distinguished Delegates

Habitat III offers a unique opportunity to discuss the important challenge of how cities, towns and villages are planned and managed, in order to fulfil their role as drivers of sustainable development.

Habitat III is also expected to discuss and agree on a New Urban Agenda aimed at enhancing the contribution of cities to sustainable development, and at ensuring that cities are inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.

Malaysia is preparing of 2nd National Urbanisation Policy which aims to create a city of vision in line with the national vision in providing a safe and healthy living as well as peaceful and beautiful environment to promote socio-economic growth for a disciplined and developed Malaysian community.

Malaysia's commitments to ensuring environmental sustainability were implemented through the National Climate Change Policy, National Green Technology Policy and National Policy on Biodiversity to address issues of climate change and

sustainability of natural resources. Malaysia has introduced The Green Neighbourhood Planning Guidelines that take into consideration of the social, environment, application of green technology and wellbeing of the people.

Finally, Malaysia committed to participate in Habitat III in order to demonstrate the benefits of a sustainable economic pathway for rapidly urbanising communities. Malaysia will contribute towards strengthening partnerships between various stakeholders in the quest for development of Malaysia New Urban Agenda for the next 20 years and beyond.

Thank you.

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