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**Statement by Turkey**

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Co-Chairs, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Republic of Turkey congratulates the Habitat Secretariat and the Bureau on their efforts in the preparatory process towards the Habitat-III Conference and preparing the “Zero Draft of the New Urban Agenda”.

We appreciate the thorough description of challenges of rapid urbanization and the priorities and actions defined in rural, urban, regional and national level in the Draft Outcome Document.

Turkey will submit the detailed statements on the coming period on due to the limited time on national discussions.

Our Statements on the first draft are shaped around the coherency and consistency of the **Transformative Commitments and Effective Implementation** topics and its sub topics.

We welcome the structure and main messages of the Document, however we believe that TRANSFORMATIVE COMMITMENTS in the New Urban Agenda should indicate strong support in written terms to the Paris Climate Agreement and new horizons of technological advances for harnessing the opportunities for the future of human settlements and resilient cities. We also believe that there is a need for more emphasize on sustainable urban transportation in this section.

EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION draws the importance of the supportive national and local frameworks for planning and urban development policies. We agree that the realization of transformative commitments in the New Urban Agenda will require good governance and regulatory frameworks and effective means of implementation at the national, sub-national, and local levels.

We welcome the FOLLOW-UP AND REVIEW part which has the expression of the will to strengthen UN Habitat and periodic, effective, inclusive and transparent follow-up and review framework of the New Urban Agenda coherent with the 2030 Agenda. We would, however, like to see more details on the implementation.

Thank you.