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**Statement of the Government of Indonesia
by the Minister of Public Works and Housing
H.E. Dr. Basuki Hadimulyono
at the United Nations Conference for Housing and Sustainable Urban
Development (Habitat III) in Quito, Ecuador**

Honorable Chairman,

Your Excellencies,

Distinguished Delegates,

It is an honor for Indonesia to participate at the United Nations Conference for Housing and Sustainable Urban Development, or Habitat III, in the beautiful and historic city of Quito. Allow me to convey sincere warm greetings from the Government of Indonesia, and in particular to the Government of Ecuador for hosting this conference, organized with the Habitat III Secretariat.

There have been considerable efforts made to finalize the outcome document of the Habitat III Conference, which we are going to adopt, and we are proud to be able to assist through the last PrepComm in Surabaya, Indonesia, which have been instrumental in paving the way.

Honorable Chairman,

Indonesia firmly believes that sustainable urbanization is key to reach social equality, prosperity and harnessing the potentials of our people, in particular young generation. It is also

essential for the achievement of our 2025 National Long-term Development Plan to eradicate poverty and achieve cities free of slums.

Currently Indonesia's population is 255 million, of which 54% of the population is living in urban areas. That number is estimated to rise to 305 million by 2035, of which 67% will live in urban areas. We are striving to build well-planned and well-managed cities and human settlements so that our people are able to adapt to the urban transformation and upgrade their quality of life.

As an archipelago of more than 17,000 islands which is vulnerable due to its location in the so called 'ring of fire', the impacts of climate change are evident and are a major challenge in our country for reaching sustainable urbanization. The frequency of natural disasters in Indonesia has increased over the years resulting in the loss of lives, livelihoods, assets, and infrastructure. **Building resilience is a must.**

Our proposed National Urban Policy and Strategy for 2045 focuses on establishing a National Urban System to better integrate urban and territorial planning and development; promoting new growth centers in the Eastern Region; enhancing land – sea connectivity in cities outside of Java island, with particular focus in coastal cities; accelerating the achievement of minimum standards for urban services; promoting green communities and cities; safe, resilient, inclusive and smart cities, which hopefully can nurture innovation, creativity and productivity. These will take into account the geographic and uniqueness of our cultural diversity of our built environment.

Honorable chairman,

Excellencies and distinguished delegates,

The processes leading towards the Habitat III conference have been an opportunity to understand the reality and diversity of urbanization in countries, particularly its relation with the Agenda 2030 on Sustainable Development. We should highlight the relevance and interconnection between the implementation of the New Urban Agenda with the highest international commitments in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Addis Ababa Action Agenda, Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, and the Paris Agreement.

We hope that the discussion in Quito can focus on **how** to implement the New Urban Agenda in the longer term and **how** to put the visions into action. One topic for discussion is how will the indicators of the New Urban Agenda link with the indicators of the Sustainable Development Goals, including SDG 11 on cities and human settlements.

Indonesia has set up the National Secretariat for the SDGs. We are in the process of ratifying the law to support the implementation of the SDGs at the national and local level, and building a platform for stakeholders' participation.

Indonesia believes in multistakeholders engagement in the implementation of SDGs. We recently held the First Indonesian Philanthropic Festival – a dynamic event demonstrating the huge energy of local philanthropy, civil society, business and government. More than 100 organisations participated, ranging from traditional charities to religious organisations, collaborating on the most modern and innovative forms of impact investing to reach the goals of SDGs.

The New Urban Agenda focuses on **building collaboration**, which calls for reviewing the mechanisms to allow partnerships across stakeholders to occur, and creating the public spheres for dialogue and delivering good results. Indonesia is ready to implement the New Urban Agenda, and offers to share our best practices and lessons learned in housing and infrastructure development. South-South collaborations and international partnerships are important, as shown by Indonesia's contribution through our Asia Pacific Regional Center on a number of strategic cross-border territorial issues, such as water management, disaster risk reduction, urban mobility and connectivity, energy and environmental protection.

I look forward to having **a concrete and workable agenda** after Quito. Inviting all major stakeholders including youth, as the keepers of our urban future. We have to ensure that capacity building program are in place and means of implementation, including financing, is assured. This is what people are waiting for after such a long discussion, we must preserve the momentum and immediately work together to implement the Habitat III document.

Thank you.