

Thank you Chair.

Norway would like to thank Indonesia for hosting this meeting in wonderful Surabaya. We would also like to thank the bureau and the secretariat for all their efforts. They have now provided us with a draft New Urban Agenda, which is comprehensive, transformative and ambitious. In our view it contains the most important elements. We also appreciate that it reflects the important role of local governments, civil society and the private sector in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda.

**We only have three days to finalize the draft.** This means that we all have to do our utmost to meet and understand each other's perspectives, while keeping the focus on the main goal: achieving sustainable cities and human settlements. Norway intends to play its part to this end.

In addition to Member States, UN-organizations, international and regional organizations and development partners play an important role in realizing sustainable cities and human settlements. With so many different stakeholders, coordinated follow up and review is essential.

UN-Habitat have today the expertise and mandate within the UN on sustainable urban development. We would like to see how UN, and UN-Habitat in particular, could use their existing resources more effectively within the current framework, to accommodate potential needed changes in the UN system and mandates.

We need to know the full scope of the task, before we can decide on the implementation mechanism including coordination of the international response.

Therefore, we suggest that Habitat III invites the UN General Assembly and UN-Habitat's Governing Council to discuss the follow-up process **after** the adoption of the New Urban Agenda.

Thank you.