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ITEM	Report of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme on human settlements statistics
POINT OF DISCUSSION	<p>(a) Endorse the adoption of the national sample of cities methodology for countries that are constrained with the national monitoring and reporting on all their available cities.</p> <p>(b) Endorse the creation of a group of experts for the revision of the Guidelines and Principles for the implementation of the City Prosperity Index measures;</p> <p>(c) Endorse the creation of a group of experts for the development of Guidelines for identifying slums and non-slum enumeration areas;</p> <p>(d) Comment on challenges related to the definition of the city, including on disaggregation of data by type of human settlements (urban, rural, and slum versus non-slum urban), especially in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals;</p> <p>(e) Comment on the most effective coordination mechanism for the work on human settlements statistics at the international level.</p>
MALAYSIA'S FEEDBACK	
<p>Thank you Mr/Madame honorable chair and distinguished delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Malaysia would like to welcome the report and convey our note of appreciation for the effort made by UN-Habitat for organizing World Urban Forum with discussion on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda. 2. In the context of Malaysia, the National Urbanization Policy (NUP) guides and coordinates the planning and urban development of the country to be more efficient and systematic particularly to handle the increase in the urban population by 2020 with emphasis on balancing the social, economic and physical development within urban areas. 3. To achieve this, the formulation of the National Urbanisation Policy is based on objectives to create a visionary city with a peaceful community and living environment through sustainable urban development. Malaysia Urban Indicators Network (MURNInet) also was developed by the Federal Department of Town and Country Planning, Peninsular Malaysia (FDTCP) to assess the performance and levels of sustainability of Malaysian cities. The status of MURNInets implementation as a check on the efforts taken by all local authorities in Malaysia toward attaining sustainable development. At the same time Malaysia fully support the creation of a group of experts for the revision of the Guidelines and Principles for the implementation of the City Prosperity Index measures. 	

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4. Malaysia is also toward developing MUO-Malaysia Urban Observatory with the vision to become strong and sustainable cities through evidence-based spatial planning and policy making. Malaysia define cities based on combination of administrative demarcation, population threshold and economics activities. There are also challenges in defining the urban boundaries on the ground as urban areas was sprawl and expanding over the time and demarcation of the area was also based on statistical boundaries.
5. Malaysia also would like to participate actively in any forums/ workshops/ relevant activities on technical and guideline on the framework of development policy regarding human settlements.

Thank you Mr/Madame Chair. (Thank you for your attention).