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**Statement:**

1. Egypt supports what was stated in the report and agrees on the planned activities of human settlements statistics for United Nations habitats for the next four years and the associated regional capacity building activities, especially in the launch of the COVID-19 observatory for cities, and capacity development initiatives to enhance the collection of human settlements statistics, and to standardize the definition of cities and regions urban and rural areas, and the application of the framework for the national sample of cities and the Cities Prosperity Initiative.

2. We agree on the Global Urban Monitoring Framework, with its five domains and four objectives; It allows a unified approach to reporting on sustainable urban development and reduces duplication of data collection efforts at the national and local levels. It also contributes to providing indicators that facilitate the process of monitoring progress and alignment with the goals of the Sustainable Development Goals (Goal 11) and other local objectives with the importance of availability of experiments conducted on this framework in some cities, capacity building programs and direct technical support for data production purposes.

3- Working on find a mechanism for exchanging experiences and providing the necessary technical support and funding for it, in relation to urban observatories, the urban indicators program and the national sample methodology from cities and monitoring the indicators of “goal 11” SDGs 2030.

4- We suggest the importance of conducting workshops to clarify the expansion of cities and to agree on unified standards that are useful for comparison with the importance of putting a set of questions in the census forms about settlements, in order to provide indicators of sustainable development and standards of living.

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