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<i>Statement:</i>	
<p>(a) Malaysia acknowledges the ongoing work by UN Habitat on regional capacity-building activities, the global urban monitoring framework and the New Urban Agenda framework. Urban areas play an important role in driving the country's economy towards increasing the prosperity and well-being of the people.</p>	
<p>(b) There are various issues and challenges faced in managing a city. Among them are high cost of living, high house prices, impact of global warming and climate change due to human activities as well as the provision of social facilities.</p>	
<p>(c) The National Urbanization Policy (DPN) will be the driver of change to the economic growth of cities in Malaysia by 2025 which city dwellers will be able to own a home, enjoy public transportation system complete infrastructure and social facilities, green areas and adequate recreation as well as access to better economic opportunities to enable city dwellers plan for a well-secured future.</p>	
<p>(d) This National urbanization policy has a role to drive and coordinate planning and development of municipal areas in the whole country. The municipality needs to be systematic to provide the best management system in addressing the increase in urban population in Malaysia. According to Census 2020, 75.1 percent of the population lived in urban areas.</p>	
<p>(e) Malaysia is fully committed to the global urban monitoring framework and its implementation as part of a harmonised global urban United Nations system wide strategy. The Malaysia Urban Observatory is currently being developed by PLANMalaysia as an initiative to enhance the management of the urban system in Malaysia.</p>	
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