



REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA

**STATEMENT BY DELEGATION
OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA
ON PREAMBLE AND DECLARATION OF THE
ZERO DRAFT NEW URBAN AGENDA version 6 May 2016**

Thank you Madame Co-Chair for this opportunity.

Indonesia conveys sincere appreciation to the Bureau for their meticulous and hard work to distill the various aspirations and views into the Zero Draft of the New Urban Agenda. Indonesia is still compiling inputs from various stakeholders and will hold several focused group discussions to gain inputs on the Zero Draft and the revised versions to come. These are some of our first assessments on the Zero Draft of 6th May 2016.

Indonesia appreciates that recommendations of the Jakarta Declaration were accommodated in the Zero Draft of the New Urban Agenda, such as people-centered development, rural urban linkages and integrated urban and territorial planning and management. Indonesia aligns itself to the statement of Thailand and Jamaica representing G77 and China, and supports Maldives representing small island developing states (SIDS). We kindly remind to add in paragraph 172, the Habitat III Regional Meeting for Asia Pacific and Habitat III Regional Meeting for Europe – as both are missing.

In general we feel that the Declaration and Implementation Plan can be streamlined and made concise. the explicit separation between vision, principles, facilitation and implementation and the linkage between the vision and implementation plan can be strengthened. The last two paragraphs of the preamble can be considered as the **soul and spirit of the New Urban Agenda**. However, we question the meaning of *embodiment of the human spirit*, as it is not only about rights and responsibilities, but also about values, traits as well as collective responsibilities often bear by the society where the states do not play a role

We recommend consistency in use of terminology through out the document, for example cities and human settlements, or when it is called instruments or principles or facilitation. In some parts, human settlements is missing, and when discussing small island developing states, the document refers to coastal Cities or coastal areas.

In the **Quito Declaration**, there is a strong component of cities and human settlement missing in the Vision, that is of communities and heritage.

During the informal hearings with the Local Authorities, the Honorable Mayor of Surabaya and Honorable Mayor of Banda Aceh, Indonesia explained that the role of the people, or more specifically communities are significant in the process of preserving, rebuilding, and decisions on the future of their settlements. Communities are the soul and identity of a city and settlement. Communities can be considered the lowest level of urban governance. When we think of past efforts by international organizations, including UN-Habitat to promote community-based development, we have witnessed the significant role of communities in the process of urban development, such as community-based mapping, community-based budgeting, community-based planning etc.

Second, cities and settlements are historical memories of people's culture. Cultural heritage is mentioned in the preamble but not in the vision.

We propose in OUR VISION paragraph 5 to add the following:

- (d) Promoting, protecting and ensuring the full and progressive realization of the right to adequate housing, **and the role of communities, indigenous knowledge and local wisdoms in the process to complement and enrich the balanced territorial development.**
- (e) Prioritizing quality and accessible public space and cultural diversity, enhancing social interactions and political participation, promoting **heritage for** socio-cultural expressions, fostering safety and social cohesion, while meeting the needs of all its inhabitants.

In terms of rights to the city, we feel that its rights should go hand in hand with responsibilities of citizens as individuals and as a member of communities with collective rights and responsibilities. The balance between its position as individuals and as part of communities, should be added in the explanation on the rights to the city.

Thank you.

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