



**INTERVENTION ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP OF 77 AND
CHINA BY REPRESENTATIVE OF JAMAICA, AT THE
HABITAT III INFORMAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL
MEETINGS: (NEW YORK, 20 MAY 2016)**

Madame Co-Chair,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

The Group wishes to express our preliminary views on Part C. Follow-up and review as follows:

- Habitat III is an opportunity to adopt an integrated, comprehensive and transformative agenda on human settlements that complements the full and timely realization of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, the Paris Climate Agreement, and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, among others.
- Tied to the transformative agenda we are seeking, is a strong organizational machinery for implementing it. The General Assembly has been adopting every year, a resolution on “Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat). The Group remains firmly supportive of strengthening UN-Habitat, and welcomes inclusion of the specific details of strengthening as captured in some sections of the zero draft.
- We notice that this section comprises elements which require further discussion and careful consideration, bearing in mind the ongoing consultations on follow up and review of the 2030 Agenda at the global level and not wanting to prejudge, prior to having a better idea – such as on reporting.
- We are pleased to see that the zero draft recognizes that the implementation as well as the follow up and review of the New Urban Agenda should be a continuous process and should recognize and strengthen existing platforms and processes.
- On the one hand, we think that it is important to include the review of the global progress in the implementation of the Agenda as part of the integrated and coordinated follow-up process to the United Nations conferences and summits, aligned with the GA, ECOSOC, the HLPF and

the QCPR cycles, as appropriate, taking into account any existing mechanism of Habitat I and II. On the other hand, we must respect the integrity of the Habitat III process.

- It is not our intention to create additional indicators.

Thank you, Madame Co-chair.