



EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZIMBABWE

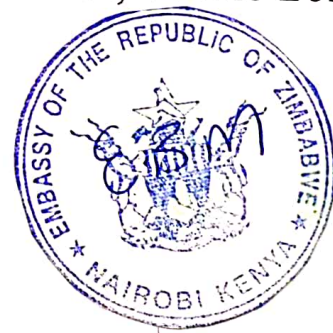
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The Embassy of the Republic of Zimbabwe presents its compliments to the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) and has the honour to forward herewith the national statement which was delivered by the head of the Zimbabwe delegation to the Second Session of the UN-Habitat Assembly, Hon. Daniel Garwe, the Minister of National Housing and Social Amenities.

The Embassy of the Republic of Zimbabwe avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) the assurances of its highest consideration.

Nairobi, 7 June 2023

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**THE REPUBLIC OF ZIMBABWE STATEMENT, PRESENTED
BY HONOURABLE D, GARWE (MP), MINISTER OF
NATIONAL HOUSING AND SOCIAL AMENITIES, ON THE
OCCASION OF THE SECOND SESSION OF THE UNITED
NATIONS HABITAT ASSEMBLY, 5 TO 9 JUNE 2023 NAIROBI,
KENYA.**

Mr. President Sir, the Republic of Zimbabwe subscribes to Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development and as a result the domain of human settlements development, as guided by **SDG 11** for sustainable cities and towns, is being driven accordingly. Coordinative efforts are also under way to develop all our marginalized communities as per the mantra, 'leave no one and no place behind' and is enshrined in our National Vision 2030 of becoming an Upper Middle Income by 2030. Our National Development Strategy (NDS) 1's objective of delivering a total of **220 000** housing units by 2025 has seen 186 000 units built within two years from inception.

The country is establishing sustainable smart cities where people can live, work and play and with the use of New Building

Technologies which enhances effective delivery of units at half the time and cost. New Building Technologies will also ensure delivery of settlements that are sustainable, modern and affordable.

The rapid urbanisation in Zimbabwe has given rise to the proliferation of informal and irregular settlements that require regularization, sanitisation and the subsequent issuance of title deeds to ensure land access and security of tenure.

Our Government is also working on urban regeneration of derelict housing units replacing them with high rise flats which are in conformity with the densification policy.

In terms of financial resource mobilisation, engagements with private sector institutions is underway as we are exploring mortgage systems that are consistent with the prevailing economic environment. It is pertinent to note that the current untenable macro-economic environment was occasioned by the imposition of illegal sanctions on Zimbabwe by the West in response to our land reform programme.

Pursuant to our Vision 2030 of an Upper Middle-Income Economy by 2030, Government is championing a programme on rural transformation which ensures that clean water, sanitation and descent houses are provided in rural communities and in line with the mantra that no one and no place will be left behind in the development agenda.

It is in deed our national philosophy that a country is best developed by its citizens, brick by brick and stone upon stone.

I thank you all for your kind attention.