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## STATEMENT

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### ON CLUSTER 5:

**SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS,  
PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION AND  
PRODUCTION, CLIMATE**

### AT THE

**10<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE OPEN WORKING GROUP (OWG)**

### ON

**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs)**

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Mr Co-chair

I wish to deliver this statement on behalf of the Southern Africa Region namely; Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Swaziland, South Africa, Zimbabwe and my own Country Zambia on Sustainable cities and human settlements, Promote Sustainable Consumption and Production, Climate. I wish to aligns this statement with the statements made on behalf of the G77 and China by the Ambassador of Bolivia and the Africa group statement read by the Ambassador of .....

Mr. Co-Chair

It has been noted with concern that cities especially in developing countries are getting overpopulated thereby rendering the provision of basic services difficult. The high population growth coupled with rural-urban migration has resulted in unplanned and unregulated expansion of majority of our cities. As a result, many people living in unplanned urban settlements lack access to basic social, physical and economic facilities such as decent housing, safe water and adequate sanitation, health and education services and other amenities required to sustain their livelihoods. Efforts must be made to re-plan these cities and make them resilient to climate change as they have potential to grow sustainably.

Mr. Co-Chair

We support the need to have a goal on this cluster which we propose to read as follows:

**Goal: 'To build resilience in order to withstand the impact of environmental changes'**

Broadly targets could take the following dimension:

- a) Develop an integrated urban and rural development system that facilitate economic transformation
- b) Promote the creation of gainful employment and sustainable livelihoods.
- c) Enhanced investment in sustainable management of natural resources
- d) Promote sustainable forest and land use management
- e) Establish and strengthen early warning information systems
- f) Strengthening disaster management and mitigation capacity
- g) Promote accessible cities for people with disabilities and enhance social protection measures for the disabled.



Mr. Co-chair

In conclusion we want to underscore the need to facilitate technology transfer especially to the poor countries that do not have the means to fight disasters coupled with appropriate means of implementation as key elements to the implementation of this goal and its relevant targets.

I thank you.