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**STATEMENT**

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- Promotion of the use of appropriate and alternative building materials and techniques in order to provide affordable housing solutions.
- Introduction of four-based housing mix;
  - Credit linked housing that is to build houses for sale
  - Rental accommodation including rent to buy option
  - Social/subsidy housing
  - Houses built by people themselves
- Strengthen the housing regulatory environment.
- Enhancing institutional capacities and cohesion within housing sector.
- Supporting people's housing processes

The Government of Namibia formulated the Third National Development Plan (NDP 3) during 2007. This was a participatory process that included private sector, National Housing Corporation, Non Governmental Organizations, Community Based Organizations, Regional Councils and Local Authorities. Within the scope of NDP 3, Government is effectively addressing the human settlements development in the country.

Despite all the efforts, the Namibian housing sector continues to be characterized primarily by limited financial support for the low-income groups as well as limited capacity to meet the housing development. About 70% of the Namibian population do not access and afford conventional home loan facilities offered by the financial market nor can they access urban freehold land and professional services due to limited disposable income.

The Government of the Republic of Namibia reaffirms its commitment to the Habitat Agenda's objectives of "adequate shelter for all" and "sustainable human settlements development".

I thank you.