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**Statement by H.E. Mr. Muhammad Yusuf Asy'ari,
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***Mr. President,
Honorable Ministers,
Executive Director of UN-Habitat,
Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,***

At the outset, let me express my sincere appreciation to the Government and People of Kenya for their warm hospitality. Let me also congratulate to our new elected President and members of bureau. I should also like to express my highest appreciation to the Executive Director of UN-Habitat and her Secretariat in organizing the twenty-second of the Governing Council.

My delegation wishes to extend its full support on various issues of significant importance for the deliberation at this Governing Council. The theme which will be further deliberated at the Dialogue coincides with the global challenge that our world faces today, particularly the global financial crisis and tackling climate change.

These challenges certainly needs our thought in our effort to provide the necessary housing and adequate infrastructure for our people. In regards to affordable housing finance systems, the Government of Indonesia has been conducting several actions to support the housing mortgage for home ownership and stimulants for low-income group.

Recently we accommodate the different characteristics and modalities needed by the poor, for developing their houses and settlement. We have also begun the Secondary Mortgage Finance and expanding the syariah-islamic financing program.

In light of the economic crisis, additional stimulus packages has been provided to support low cost apartments in urban areas, to expand job creation through construction industry, additional supply of housing for workers, student and civil servant as well as reducing the pressure of urbanization during the economic crisis.

from the Asia-Pacific countries to build a stronger partnership in our vast region.

After setting the vision in New Delhi in 2006, and the committed action in Tehran in 2008, therefore our next step in Solo next year will accumulate the realization and the roadmap to achieving the sustainability of urbanization for the Asia Pacific region.

To support the enhancement of knowledge and networking in housing and urban development, Indonesia has established the Habitat Indonesia National Secretariat. We hope that this new institution can serve as a knowledge centre to support the implementation of the Habitat Agenda.

In conclusion, we hope that all our effort, nationally, bilaterally and multilaterally could contribute to the significant success and positive achievement in serving the need of our people and the wider world community to meet the UN-Habitat Agenda.

I thank you.