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AT THE CLOSING SESSION OF THE 22ND GC IN NAIROBI-GIGIRI

The President of the Governing Council and Member of the Bureau,

Hon. Ministers and Parliamentarians present,

The Executive Director of UN-HABITAT,

Distinguished Members of the Governing Council, The entire staff of UN-
HABITAT

Observer, and members of the Press and media,

Ladies and Gentlemen

I am much honored and pleased to join other UN-HABITAT partners this afternoon for the closing session of the 22nd Governing Council of UN-HABITAT.

On behalf of the Global Parliamentarians and on my own behalf, I wish to congratulate you all. My special thanks and tribute goes to the President of the 22nd GC for the success being registered today.

I would also wish to thank Madam Anna Tibaijuka, Executive Director of UN-HABITAT for her continued support and guidance to GPH, and to all the staff of UN-HABITAT, particularly to Mr. Markandey Rai, Coordinator of Global Parliamentarian who worked hard to organize GPH meeting successfully.

We parliamentarians from all over the world, re-commit our full support to advance the Habitat agenda and to ensure adequate fulfillment of the Habitat programme.

Recognizing our unique role of legislation for better urban future, and particularly of what is being required of us on this call to, **“Promoting affordable housing finance system in an urbanizing world in the face of the financial crisis and climate change.”**

We here by pledge to meet our obligations at Global, regional, National and at local levels by playing a very pro-active role not only guiding the parliament but also by empowering and educating people on the importance of affordable housing, slum upgrading and other pressing issues such as floods, pollution, deforestation and their impact on the climate.

In the same spirit, we would like to recommend to the Governing Council.

To further strengthen the cooperation between UN-HABITAT and parliamentarians to address the issues of adequate and affordable housing and to implement and make follow-up on the resolutions passed by this Governing Council. Furthermore, UN-HABITAT and governments should commit to reverse the negative effects of the global warming and climate change.

The Global crisis calls for bold actions and interventions from all stake holders. To us Parliamentarians, This is a big test to our leadership, we should strengthen cooperation and to translate these challenges into opportunities.

Distinguished Delegates, Let us put our hands together and move forward with the ardent urge to make the 21st century, the great century of transition that will make planet earth a better place to live for the current as well as for the present and future generations.

Mr. Chairman, fellow participants, with these few remarks, I thank you for listening to me.