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**Chair,
Distinguished delegates,**

Allow me to join other delegates in congratulating you and the Bureau on your election as the Chair of the 51st Session of the CPD.

My delegation fully supports the statement made by the distinguished delegate of

Nigeria behalf of the African Group and Egypt on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

The theme of this 51st Session; **"Sustainable Cities, Human Mobility and International Migration"** resonates very well with the global and national socio-economic and demographic transformation currently being witnessed. Today, more than half of the world's population is living in urban areas; this is projected to reach two thirds by 2060. In Kenya people living in urban areas increased more than double from 15.1 percent in 1979 to 31.3 percent in 2009 representing 12 million people. This is

Counties which now serve as the centers of development, production, trade and employment.

to ensure optimal productivity, sustainability, efficiency and equity in land use and

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