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Excellencies, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,

It is an honour to speak on behalf of UNEC today.

Currently, 54% of the world's population lives in cities. This ratio is expected to rise to 66% in 2050 and has already reached 82% in North America and 73% in Europe, both in the UNEC region. Today cities are vulnerable to economic, social and environmental risks. They are struggling to address demographic changes, including ageing, migration, inequalities and security, and challenges arising from uncontrolled urbanization. Extensive, uncontrolled urbanization hampers sustainable development and climate change mitigation. There is a need for stronger urban governance.

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