I wish to thank you for convening this segment.

Nepal, despite multiple difficulties and challenges, is committed to graduating from LDC status by 2026.

The United Nations has been steadfast in supporting Nepal in its efforts to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and in preparing for Nepal’s graduation.

We greatly appreciate the UN’s efforts to align its operations with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, emphasizing a more coherent, accountable and effective UN development system.

We appreciate the repositioning of the UN development system to better support countries in accelerating progress towards the SDGs with a focus on critical areas such as food systems, energy, digital connectivity and education.

We assure our full support and cooperation in the implementation of the resolution.

Mr Chair

Nepal with 17 UN agencies based in the country, has been a pioneer in the SDGs journey, being the first country to produce a national SDG report.

In line with the resolution, the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) for Nepal 2023-27 outlines the country’s development priorities and progress towards the SDGs.

Significant progress has been achieved across several SDGs including reductions in poverty, improvements in health and education, increased access to clean water and electricity, social security expansion and economic growth with a growing prominence of ICT, energy, tourism and remittance flows.

However, challenges persist, particularly in reducing inequality, managing rapid urbanization, and addressing environmental degradation.

The Resident Coordinator System in Nepal has played a crucial role in facilitating the implementation of the UNSDCF 2023-2027.
Their leadership has been instrumental in fostering coherence, supporting planning, programming and resource mobilization.

It is vital for us to ensure that the UN efforts are aligned with national priorities and effectively.

The UN’s support will equally be crucial in implementing the LDC Graduation Smooth Transition Strategy focusing on increasing GNI per capita, promoting trade and investment and enhancing economic transformation.

With continued support from the international community, Nepal can build a better and a more prosperous future for all its citizens.

I thank you.