Statement of the Kingdom of the Netherlands at the 2024 the Operational
Activities Segment on 14 May in the ECOSOC Chamber

2. UNSDG Chair's Report on the Development Coordination Office and the Resident Coordinator System

Deputy Secretary-General, Chair, Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,

The RC system has transitioned from childhood to teens and is delivering its first real results that reflect the new and reformed UNDS and RC system. We, as member states and the UNSDG entities need to ensure that the RC system can bloom into adulthood. To use the ILO terminology, we as member states need to ensure that the RC’s can deliver decent work by ensuring that they have decent wages. We therefore support the SG proposal for sustainable funding of the RC system to ensure that the system can function. The Funding Compact will help ensure that the RC and its UN Country Team can then deliver the SDG at a country level.

Secondly we recognize the issues surrounding the implementation of the Management Accountability Framework and the shortfall of the alignment of the country programs with the UNSDCF’s that hamper the proper functioning of the RC’s. An issue connected to this is something that is also addressed in the new funding compact and the Reports being discussed here. Namely perverse incentive that success at country level for UNDS entities management at country is defined by how much new funds and projects have been attracted for
the entity and not how the SDG’s have been delivered at country level as part of the integrated plan that has been agreed. As member states we also have the same vice in some respects as we use tightly earmarked funding that enables and feeds this system of success.

UNDS entities and member states need to address this, and we call upon all members states to ensure that we push to address this issue this collectively in the relevant governing bodies of the Agencies, Funds and Programs and during the upcoming QCPR.

Lastly we commend the UNDS as a whole in the results that have been achieved under direction of the RC system and the leadership of madam Deputy Secretary General.

Thank you.