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Swedish statement to be delivered by ECOSOC Ambassador Charlotta Schlyter

Mr. President, Deputy Secretary-General, Excellencies.

Sweden aligns itself with the statement by the EU.

Sweden wishes to congratulate the Secretary General on his report. We especially appreciate the forward-looking aspects.

Sweden is a strong supporter of the reform agenda and the RC-system.

As part of our engagement, we asked our embassies across the globe to share their observations on the implementation of the UN development reform agenda. We also asked them for insight on the important mandate of the RC as a driver of UN norms and values.

Enhanced in-country appreciation of the RC-function, clear progress in terms of increased coordination and strengthened engagement with host governments is noted. The UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework and pooled fund mechanisms contribute to strengthened coordination and an RC with a clear mandate.

Furthermore, the UN – through the empowered RC – is stronger and able to promote the normative mandate in a positive direction.

However, challenges remain. The RC's ability for higher impact depends on clear and constructive leadership from the full UN Country team. In this regard Sweden is committed to further strengthen our engagement across the UNSDG governing bodies, where we will express our firm expectation of stronger ownership and adherence by all UNSDG members.

It is also of utmost importance to jointly address the lack of sustainable and predictable funding for the RC system and flexible funding for the UN Development system.

Noting that we already fulfil most of the outlined commitments in terms of volumes and flexibility in the Funding Compact, we will

continue to follow up at all levels and welcome all member states and the UNSDG members in this. Thank you!