

**Remarks to be delivered by His Excellency Amb. Dr. Chola Milambo at the dialogue between the United Nations Secretary General and Members States on the subject - An Impending 2030 deadline: Connecting the SDG Summit and the Summit of the Future and the United Nations Development System.**

**ECOSOC Chamber 10:30-1:pm  
Mr. President of the General Assembly**

**Mr. Secretary- General,**

My delegation aligns its statement with the statement delivered by the G77 and China and wish to add the following remarks in our national capacity.

During the SDG Summit in September last year, Heads of State and Government demonstrated leadership and adopted an ambitious action-packed Political Declaration to rescue the SDGs and to deliver progress by 2030.

However, speedy delivery continues to be hampered by a lopsided international financial architecture, high cost of capital, debt and most recently increasing geopolitical conflicts. The Summit of the Future presents the only hope for the global community to renew its commitments to the global development Agenda, including lasting peace and security. The role of the United Nations Development system to deliver on these commitments cannot therefore be over-emphasized.

While the repositioned United Nations Development System has improved in supporting the needs of program countries, there is a need for the UNDS to explore innovative financing models to support the Resident Coordinators deliver on their mandates of helping developing countries meet their SDG targets. In this regard, we support the Secretary General's proposal for funding from the UN regular budget for adequate and predictable funding. We further call for the continued streamlining of processes in UN country offices to facilitate timely support and impact.

**I thank You.**